

CoSHH Risk Assessment

A COSHH assessment should be undertaken for all substances used in the workplace that are hazardous for health. In undertaking your assessment you should acquire a copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for the substance you are using from the manufacturer and attach it to the assessment. This assessment should be retained in line with the company retention policy

Substance/Material		Trade Name	
What is it used for?			
List the hazardous elements in the substance			
If any substances have one please state the Workplace Exposure Limit (WEL): (WELs can be found in EH40 which is available from the HSE Website or via this link)			
Short Term Exposure Limit (STEL):			
Long Term Exposure Limit (TWA):			
Is the Substance? (Please put a X) (Look for a black symbol in a red square on the product or MSDS)			
Extremely Flammable:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Harmful:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Highly Flammable:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toxic:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flammable:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very Toxic:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oxidising:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corrosive:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irritant: <input type="checkbox"/>			
Sensitising: <input type="checkbox"/>			
Other: <input type="checkbox"/>			
Is the substance hazardous when: (Please put a X)			
In contact with skin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Swallowed	<input type="checkbox"/>
In contact with eyes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Breathed in	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: <input type="checkbox"/>			
How is the substance used? (e.g. How is it applied?)			
Who is exposed?			
Are there additional risks? (e.g. Does the substance have additional risks to new & expectant mothers or children)			

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<p>Is there a less hazardous alternative that could be used? <i>(Contact the supplier to see if they advise a safer alternative)</i></p>	
<p>What controls are required? <i>(e.g. PPE required, use of ventilation, storage requirements)</i></p>	

Declaration

Based on information provided to me by experts, suppliers and manufacturers where required, combined with my training and experience, I am satisfied that this document constitutes a proper and adequate COSHH assessment in respect of the substances being used and that the precautions identified above are sufficient to control the risks to an acceptable level. To be effective the controls described in this risk assessment must be fully implemented

Risk assessment written by:			
Name:		Date Signed:	
Signature:			
I have attached a copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) to this assessment <i>(Please Tick the box):</i>			