

Talk No. 30		COSH	
Start time		End	
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1. Introduction:

- 1.1 Many hazardous substances are used in the construction industry. Ignoring a hazardous substance can lead to serious injury or death. You may regret tomorrow.

2. Main Points:

- 2.1 COSHH assessment is the first step in the process with the aim of elimination, substitution and reduction of risks from hazardous substances.
- 2.2 Any substance that is used or stored must be labelled has the potential to do harm — assess the risks before use.
- 2.3 Employees must use the correct PPE as directed, following the required safety procedures and the required PPE as applicable.

3. Points to remember

- 3.1 Store hazardous materials in the correct way, ensuring only as much as is needed is in the work area.
- 3.2 Read labels on containers. If you are unsure, do not use!
- 3.3 Know the correct procedures for handling hazardous substances.
- 3.4 Avoid all unnecessary use of hazardous substances.
- 3.5 Know where the first aid kit and fire extinguishers are on site.
- 3.6 Always wash hands after handling hazardous substances, do not eat, drink or smoke when handling hazardous substances.
- 3.7 Ensure there is adequate ventilation when using hazardous substances.
- 3.8 Never mix hazardous substances unless you are sure of what you are doing.
- 3.9 Never expose others to hazardous substances, dust, gas or any other dangers from hazardous substances.
- 3.10 Don't store hazardous materials at head height.
- 3.11 Always clean up and dispose of hazardous waste properly.

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