What You Need To Know About

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The control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations.

Under current COSSH Regulations, everybody at work should know the appropriate safety precautions to take and not. Below are the Hazard Symbols that are relevant to chemicals.

SYMBOLS	HAZARD	PRECAUTIONS	SYMBOLS	HAZARD	PRECAUTIONS
	TOXIC / VERY TOXIC May cause serious health risk or death if inhaled, ingested or it penetrates the skin.	1. Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection. 2. After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. 3. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water. 4. In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice.	***	DANGEROUS TO ENVIRONMENT Substances presenting an immediate or delayed danger to the environment.	 Use only as directed. Keep container tightly closed. Keep away from sources of heat and ignition. This material and container must be disposed of in a safe way.
	CORROSIVE May on contact cause destruction of living tissue or burns.	1. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. 2. Immediately take off all contaminated clothing. 3. After contact with skin, wash skin immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. 4. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately (for at least 15 mins) with plenty of water and seek medical advice.		EXPLOSIVE May explode when dry or under the effects of flame or heat.	 Use only as directed. Keep container tightly closed in a cool well ventilated space. Keep away from sources of heat and ignition. This material and container must be disposed of in a safe way.
!	HARMFUL / CAUTION May cause limited health risk if inhaled, ingested or it penetrates the skin.	1. Avoid contact with skin. 2. Wash thoroughly before you eat, drink or smoke. 3. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. 4. Do not breathe in vapour/spray/dust.		OXIDISING Reacts with other substances and may cause explosive damage or damage to living tissue.	1. Use only as directed. 2. Keep container tightly closed in a cool well ventilated space. 3. Keep away from sources of heat and ignition. 4. This material and container must be disposed of in a safe way.
	SERIOUS HEALTH HAZARDS May cause inflammation and irritation on immediate or repeated or prolonged contact with skin or if inhaled.	1. Avoid contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water. 2. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. 3. Do not breathe in vapour/spray/dust.		FLAMMABLE May catch fire on contact with air. Flashpoint below 0 degrees Celsius. Use only in flameproof areas.	1. Keep container tightly closed. 2. Keep away from sources of heat ignition. 3. Do not breath the vapour energy. 4. Take precautionary measures against static charge.

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