

Control Of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)

Under COSHH Regulations 2002, all persons at work need to know the safety precautions to take so as not to endanger themselves or others through exposure to substances hazardous to health. All staff should be familiar with COSHH symbols. Symbols have been gradually changing to introduce International symbols rather than using the previous European.

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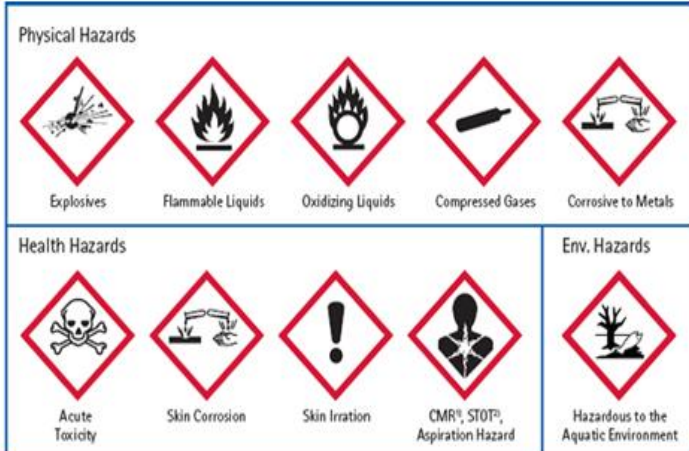
- Always risk assess products you have not previously purchased
- Always read the hazard statement on the packaging and the safety data sheet from the supplier
- Employers are responsible to assess risk of exposure to staff and implement necessary precautions to minimise risk to staff
- 5 or more staff a written risk assessment must be in place. However, it is good practice to record any assessment carried out



Ensure appropriate spillage kits are made available in your practice and spillages are ALWAYS cleaned up immediately

Always ensure that you wear the appropriate PPE when handling substances that are hazardous to health.

Data sheets for all products should be kept in a COSHH file for reference. Regular review of the file should be carried out to keep updated.



There should be designated storage in the practice which is secured and labelled for ALL products that come under COSHH



All waste that is hazardous must be disposed of safely. Always use specialist waste contractors where appropriate.