



# Do you know all you need to know ?

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Under COSHH or the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations, 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. Below are four general classifications of risk – know the appropriate symbols, their meaning and their safety precautions.

## Meaning

## Safety Precautions

### Toxic/Very Toxic

Cause death or acute or chronic damage to health when inhaled, swallowed or absorbed through the skin.



1. Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye / face protection
2. After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water
3. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice
4. In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately

### Corrosive

Substances and preparations which may on contact with living tissues, destroy them.



1. Wear suitable gloves and eye / face protection
2. Take off immediately all contaminated clothing
3. In case of contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water
4. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately (for 15 minutes) with plenty of water and seek medical advice

### Harmful

May cause death or acute or chronic damage to health when inhaled, swallowed or absorbed via the skin



1. Do not breathe vapour / spray / dust
2. Avoid contact with skin
3. Wash thoroughly before you eat, drink or smoke
4. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice

### Irritant

Non-corrosive substances which, through immediate, prolonged or repeated contact with the skin or mucous membrane, may cause inflammation



1. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice
2. In case of contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water
3. Do not breathe vapour / spray / dust
4. Avoid contact with skin