

<b>Talk No:</b> 30	<b>Title:</b> CONTROL OF SUBSTANCES HAZARDOUS TO HEALTH
<p><b>Introduction:</b> Many hazardous substances are used in the maintenance industry. Ignoring a hazardous substance today is something you may regret tomorrow.</p>	
<p><b>Main points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– COSHH assessments must be carried out with the aim of elimination, substitution and reduction of exposure to hazardous substances.</li> <li>– Any substance that has a hazard warning label has the potential to do harm – assess the risks before you use it.</li> <li>– Employees must use hazardous substances as directed, following the required safety precautions, and using the required PPE as applicable.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Store hazardous materials in suitable containers, ensuring only as much as is needed is in the workplace, and that lids are replaced when not in use.</li> <li>– Read labels on containers – if no label then do not use!</li> <li>– Know the correct precautions and control measures.</li> <li>– Avoid all unnecessary contact with hazardous substances.</li> <li>– Know where the first aid and washing facilities are on site.</li> <li>– Always wash hands after use, and do not eat, drink or smoke when handling hazardous substances.</li> <li>– Ensure there is adequate ventilation when using hazardous substances.</li> <li>– Never mix hazardous substances unless you are sure of what you are doing.</li> <li>– Never expose other employees to fumes, dust, gas or any other dangers from hazardous substances.</li> <li>– Don't store hazardous substances above head height.</li> <li>– Always clean up any spillages, dispose of hazardous waste properly.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>IF A DUST, FUME OR VAPOUR MAKES YOU COUGH, CATCH YOUR BREATH, OR GIVES YOU A HEADACHE THEN IT'S A SUBSTANCE HAZARDOUS TO HEALTH</b></p>	
<p><b>Notes:</b></p>	