

MONTHLY H&S FOCUS FEBRUARY 2012**CONTROL OF SUBSTANCES HAZARDOUS TO HEALTH – (COSHH)**

What to do ?

- Ensure you wear appropriate PPE
- Handle with care to avoid spillages
- Report any spillages to your
 - Foreman
 - Environment Department (over 10 litres)
- Immediately report any incidents
- Wash hands and clean skin properly after use.
- In case of a chemical splash to the face, use this:



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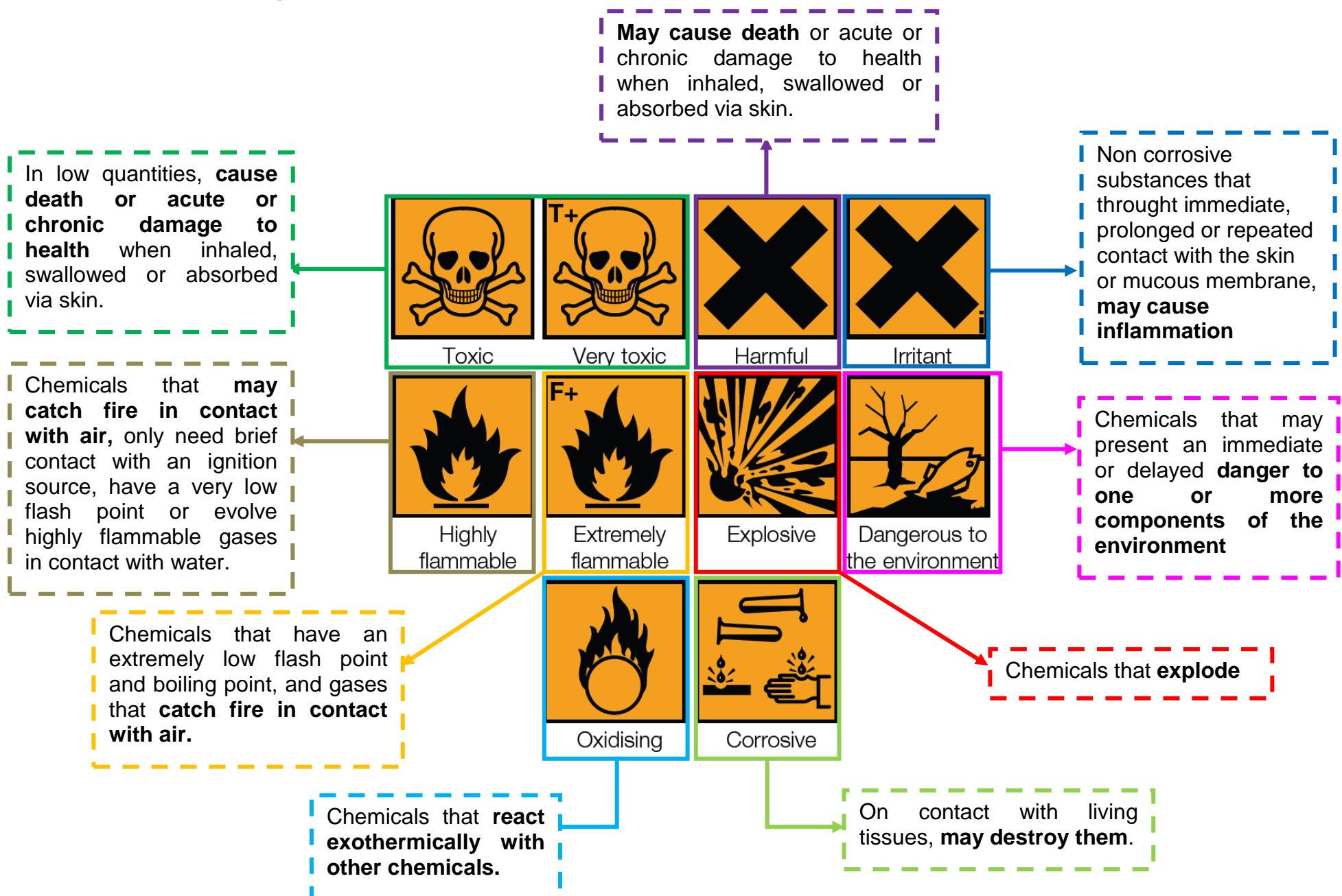
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How do the symbols mean?

- Look out for COSHH hazard symbols and read the product label



➤ The meaning



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❖ If you are not sure please **ask your line manager/supervisor/Health and Safety Advisor.**

What about a COSHH Assessment?

- A COSHH Assessment is based on the MSDS (**M**aterial **S**afety **D**ata **S**heet)
- It is a product's risk assessment
- Each product on site has a COSHH Assessment
- All preventive actions are summarized

	<p>Company name: MVB JV ASSESSOR: SHERIFUDEEN CAREW</p> <p>Substance/Process: Bitustik 4000 Date: 11/11/2011</p> <p>Supplier: Grace Construction Product Keyword: Adhesive</p> <p>Address: 580-581 Ipswich Road, Slough, Berks. SL1 4EQ</p> <p>Telephone Number: 01753490000</p> <p>Emergency Number: 01235239670</p> <p>Hazards</p>	
✓ Hazard	<p style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Medium HAZARD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Solid</p>	<p>Exposure Time: n/a</p> <p>Exposure Area: Well Ventilated work area</p>
✓ Exposure Limit	<p>Hazardous Constituents: Solid adhesive material</p>	<p>Method: Transferring/coating /Mixing</p>
✓ Emergency Measures	<p>Health/Exposure Limit: Adequate ventilation and appropriate PPE</p> <p>Skin absorption of residue from adhesive may cause eye and skin irritation</p> <p>Spillage/Waste: Contained spillage in MVB JV Spill kit</p> <p>First Aid measures:</p> <p>Inhalation: If inhaled, get fresh air, if symptoms continues seek medical attention. Only give artificial respiration then oxygen if needed by a first aider/competent person.</p> <p>Ingestion: n/a</p> <p>Skin: Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly, seek medical advice.</p> <p>Eyes: Flush with water for atleast 15mins. While holding eyelids open.</p> <p>Fire: CO2 powder or water spray. Immediately call the emergency service for larger fire. Use extinguisher only for small fire by competent person, self contained respiratory protective device must be worn.</p>	<p>Comments: Solid</p> <p>NO SMOKING</p> <p>EYE PROTECTION</p> <p>PROTECT HANDS</p> <p>RESPIRATOR</p>
✓ Storage requirements	<p>Considerations:</p> <p>Usage: Only use after toolbox talk is done, avoid storing large quantity in Work area.</p> <p>Storage: Store in cool, dry conditions in a well sealed receptacles.</p> <p>Avoid: Avoid contact with the skin with residue from adhesive</p> <p>Transport: n/a</p> <p>Handling: Use safety gloves. Avoid release of liners which may cause slip and trip hazards. Small quantity within the work area during use and removed immediately after use into appropriate storage area.</p> <p>Disposal: Ensure wastes are disposed off in the appropriate container within the hazardous waste area located at each site.</p> <p>Environmental Impact: Avoid entering drainage/sewages.</p> <p>Control Measures: Ensure adequate ventilation, wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection, if necessary wear dust mask to avoid inhalation of vapour</p> <p>Recommendation /Conclusion: Care should be taking when using this product, ensure that control measures are followed and toolbox talk is done before using this product. Ensure adequate ventilation is provided. Avoid eating and drinking while using this product.</p>	<p>✓ Exposure time</p> <p>✓ PPE</p> <p>✓ Instructions before use</p>

What you have to do:

- Read, understand and follow the COSHH assessment **instructions**
- Store chemicals and substances in appropriate COSHH containers
- Wear appropriate PPE



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Regulation changes but not the risk

New Symbols

Old Symbols

