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Aims of this course:

This course covers the fundamentals of occupational health and safety, your legal duties and those of your employer, as well as your moral and civic duty to offer care.

Duties and Obligations

You and your employer both have legal responsibilities with regard to health and safety at work. These consist of:

- Ensuring your personal security and wellness.
- Ensuring the safety of everyone who may be harmed by your activities, including clients and coworkers.
- Collaborating on health and safety issues with management.
- Utilising and maintaining the safety equipment provided by your company in a proper manner.
- Taking moral and legal duty seriously.

Legal Proceedings

Please be aware that if you cause an accident or harm, you might face personal charges. If found guilty of manslaughter, the sentence may be life in prison.

The Duties of an Employer

The duties of an employer include:

- Ensuring the well-being, safety, and welfare of workers
- Ensuring the well-being, safety, and welfare of other individuals
- Oversight of health and safety protocols
- Periodic evaluations of potential risks
- Staff training to guarantee competence.
- Providing a secure work environment
- Employing safe work methodologies
- Establishing a health and safety policy in cases of five or more staff members.

The Expense of Inadequate Health and Safety

This can apply to:

- Compensation, excluding attorney fees.
- Loss of output if a worker misses time at work because of a sickness or injury

- Frequently preventable accidents
- prosecution, with associated fees and potential jail time
- Injured parties' suffering, pain, and possible incapacity limitless payment of compensation
- Employers and workers both have a moral responsibility to take reasonable measures to avoid these from happening.

Risk Evaluation

Risk evaluation is a responsibility shared by managers and employers. However, you also have a duty as an employee to recognise and disclose any dangers. It's excellent practice to constantly be on the lookout for dangers and strategies to further decrease working risks.

Even though you might not be required to fill out risk assessment forms, it is your responsibility to continually examine any potential risks and take fast action to eliminate them. This can be a spill or a shattered bottle at work. Don't let someone else handle it. "It's not my mess" or "it isn't my job" are just empty platitudes.

While it's not your problem, if you detect a hazard, deal with it nevertheless. The who, what, and why can be addressed later.

Should a danger arise, that cannot be quickly resolved, you must also inform your employer. Your employer will arrange for the issue to be resolved, whether it is a cracked tile, machine, firelight, etc.

Risks

Spills –

Any liquids or anything that might be slipped on can spill. They need to be cleaned right away using the method that works best for your company. When feasible, precautions should be taken to avoid common spills.

Use a soaking agent for oils, like salt or flour, so they may be more readily cleaned with a dustpan and brush.

You should always remember to leave a wet floor sign after cleaning up any spills and apply a degreaser mixed with hot water if any grease or oils are still present.

Fire –

Assisting in the prevention of workplace fires involves straightforward steps:

- Eliminate waste and materials that can catch fire.
- Avoid overburdening electrical outlets.
- Ensure outdoor smoking zones are tidy and devoid of flammable substances.

- Maintain a safe distance between paper, cardboard, and heat sources, as well as machinery.
- Employ CO_2 fire extinguishers for tackling flammable liquids.
- In industrial settings, regularly clean and remove dust and debris generated by factory operations.

Trips –

Anything at ground level that protrudes or might snag the feet is a trip hazard.

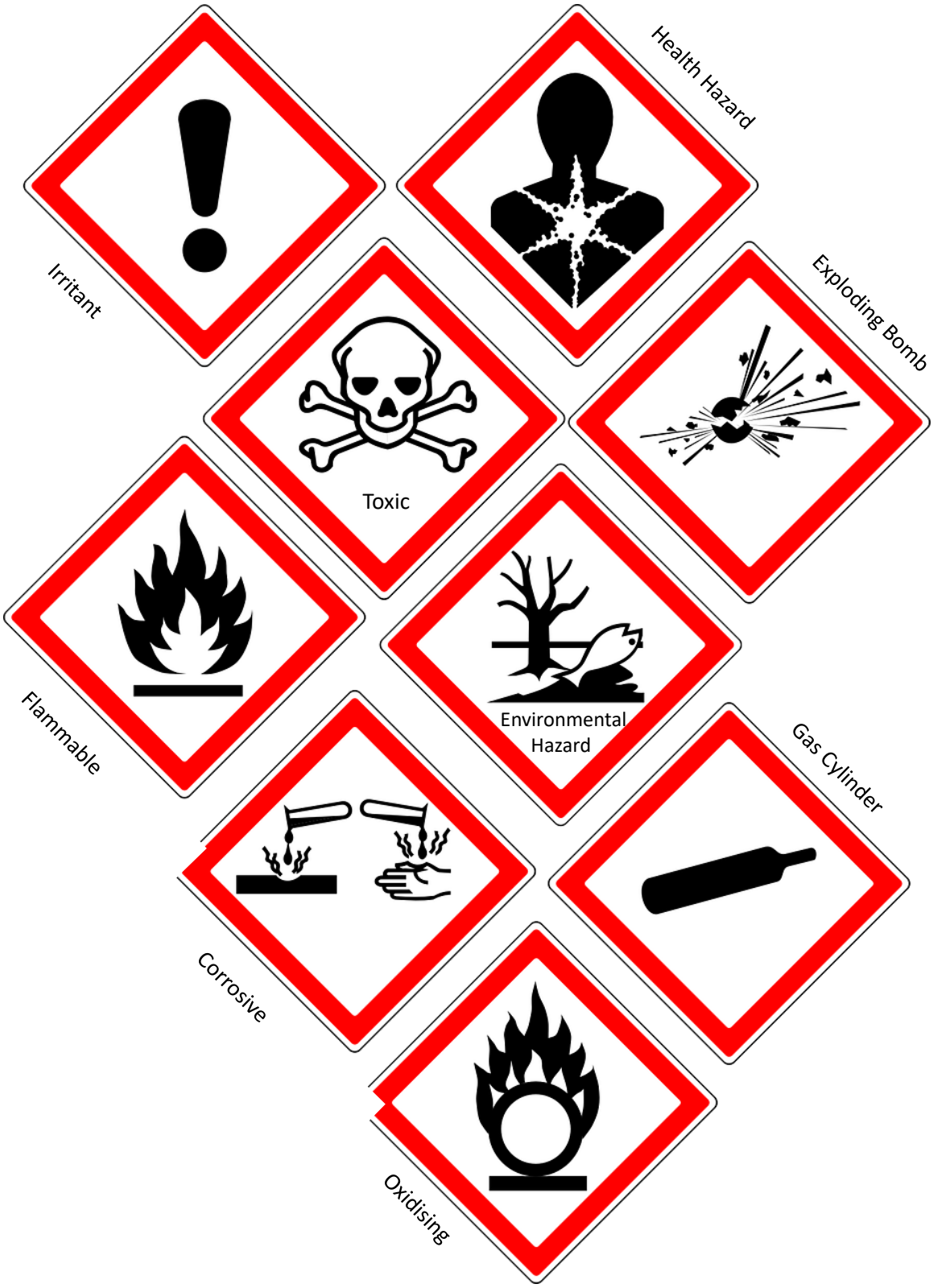
One of the most frequent workplace mishaps that is also one of the easiest to avoid is a trip. Trips can be prevented by closing low cabinets, organising wiring, and keeping loose personal belongings off the floor.

Electrical –

Electrical risks are simply preventable.

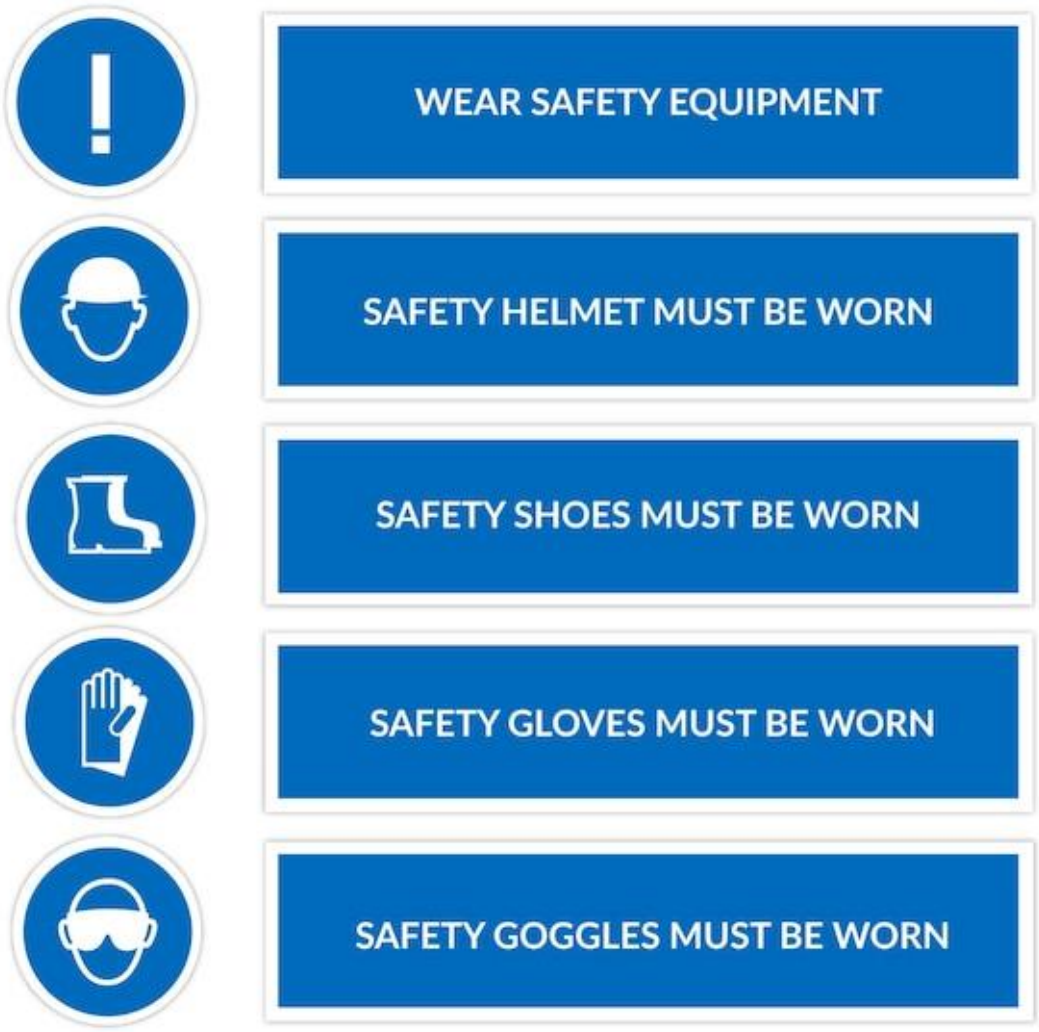
Damaged cables, overloaded electrical sockets, and liquids in proximity to outlets or extensions can swiftly become hazardous, posing a significant threat of electric shock and injury to anyone in contact. These issues are easily recognisable, making them straightforward risks to prevent.

Hazard Indicators



A few of the hazard indicators you can encounter include warning signs. Make sure you are aware of the warning signals for hazards at work!

A blue and white sign indicates that something is required of you and that you must behave in accordance with the indication.



Anti-Smoking Legislation

The smoking ban was enacted in England and Wales in 2007 (preceded by Scotland in 2006), and it has an impact on everyone. Violating this law can result in substantial fines for both individuals and their employers.

Frequent Incidents

Despite the fact that slips and trips are also a highly significant source of accidents, manual handling accidents are the most frequent.

The general public may file a claim for common responsibility in settings like pubs, clubs, and bars where bottles and glasses are frequently left on the ground. The floor is an important area to maintain for safety in any situation, but especially while dealing with the public.

The improper use of machinery is another frequent cause of industrial accidents. These may be drills and circular saws or any other kind of moving equipment, vehicle, or sharp item.

Causes of Harm

Common injuries usually happen to people who fail to read or follow instructions properly, or through messing about and not being careful in the workplace. However, any injury at work, including minor injuries should be recorded in the accident book which employers must make easily available.

Accident Book

It is mandatory for all workplaces to maintain a dedicated First Aid Accident Report Book. This book serves as a crucial record-keeping tool to document and track any incidents that require first aid intervention. By diligently maintaining this report book, workplaces ensure a comprehensive record of all first aid cases, contributing to a safer and more accountable work environment.

An Accident Book records:

- The name of the individual concerned.

- Address
- City/Town
- Postcode
- Telephone number
- Occupation
- Date/Time
- The location where the injury occurred.
- The cause of the accident
- Details of the accident
- Whether it should be reported under the Reporting of Injuries Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences

Mitigating the Risk of Fire

The prospect of a fire outbreak brings forth a potential emergency situation that could jeopardise your safety, as well as that of your colleagues and bystanders. As an employee, it's imperative that you possess the capability to undertake the necessary emergency measures in the event of a fire occurrence.

Emphasising fire prevention holds immense significance. A foundational step is to grasp the three essential components necessary for igniting a fire, which include:

- Heat
- Fuel
- Oxygen

File cannot begin without all three of the above elements.

By comprehending these fundamental elements, you empower yourself with knowledge that can aid in mitigating fire risks and promoting a secure workplace environment.

Heat

At ignition temperatures, heat and flammable objects can catch fire.

To start a fire, heat is required. The combustion temperature for many products used at home or at business ranges from 400 to 600 degrees Fahrenheit. Some substances could burn more quickly than others.

Fuel

For a fire to initiate, the presence of a substance that can undergo combustion is imperative. This substance is commonly termed as fuel. Fuel encompasses a range of materials that are susceptible to burning, including but not limited to:

- Paper
- Oils
- Wood
- Gases
- Fabrics
- Liquids
- Plastics
- Rubber

The attributes defining the fuel's nature usually encompass its moisture level, dimensions, configuration, and amount. These attributes collectively influence the fuel's combustibility and the temperature at which it will ignite.

Oxygen

In addition to fuel and heat, the sustenance of fires is reliant on the presence of oxygen. The surrounding air comprises roughly 21% oxygen, and since a minimum of 16% oxygen is adequate for most fires to burn, it functions as the oxidising agent within the chemical process.

Consequently, as the fuel undergoes combustion, it interacts with the available oxygen, resulting in the liberation of heat and the initiation of combustion. This interplay between fuel, oxygen, and heat forms the foundation of the fire's propagation.

Categories of Fire

Different fuels burn differently and call for various fire extinguishers. Every fire extinguisher will be marked with warnings, class kinds, and other details.

Class A Fires –

These fires are perhaps the most typical kind. When materials are heated to their ignition temperature, fires happen. As long as there is heat, oxygen, and fuel present, they will burn. These sorts of fires can utilise paper, wood, textiles, rubber, certain polymers, and other organic carbon-based substances as fuel.

Class B Fires –

Liquids that ignite at less than 100°C are considered to be flammable. Additionally, these liquids have a low flashpoint, which makes them easily combustible. These liquids may ignite at any temperature if a spark or open flame is provided as the source of ignition.

Some examples of flammable liquids are gasoline, kerosene, alcohol, solvents, and paints. These catch fire easily and produce a lot of heat when they do so. Additionally, they emit a dense, poisonous black smoke that can make it challenging to put out these flames.

Class C Fires –

If a single spark is used to ignite flammable gases like butane, propane, or petroleum, an explosion might result. Flammable gases must thus be kept safely in sealed containers. The lowest concentration of combustible gas that will ignite in air is specified by the LEL (lower explosive limit). This illustrates how serious the threat of possible explosions is as it is often about 5%. One of the riskiest sorts of fires to put out is one containing flammable gases.

Class D Fires –

Although it takes a lot of heat to ignite certain metals and metal powders, which are efficient heat conductors and quickly lose heat to their surroundings, they may burn when lit. The risk of fire is larger with powdered and shredded metals than with solid metal lumps.

Potassium, magnesium, aluminium, and sodium are alkali metals that may catch fire when they come into contact with oxygen or water. However, you are unlikely to come across one of them as they are quite unusual.

Class E Fires –

Electrical fires can be started by short circuits, overloaded switchboards, malfunctioning equipment, damaged wiring, and more.

Since electricity is an igniting source rather than a fuel, electrical fires aren't strictly speaking a separate fire class. They should still be included, though, as they have unique fire safety needs of their own.

Note to be made: Before tackling an electrical fire, the electricity supply needs to be cut off as soon as feasible.

Class F Fires –

Cooking oil and fat-related fires happen often in residential, commercial, and institutional kitchens. Simply because of the enormous temperatures involved, extinguishing them is a very challenging job. Simply using water to try to put out the fire will not help; in fact, placing water on a burning pan is likely to encourage the flames to spread quickly, escalating the fire and increasing the risk of injury.

To combat Class F flames, specialised fire extinguishers have been created.

Categories of Fire Extinguishers

Various categories of fire extinguishers are employed to combat distinct kinds of fires, each tailored to address the specific fuel that sustains the fire's combustion. The classification of fires is predicated on the type of fuel involved, necessitating diverse approaches for their suppression.

An illustrative case in point is the inadvisability of using a water-based extinguisher to quell an electrical fire due to the peril of electrical shock. This underscores the necessity for employing the appropriate extinguisher tailored to the unique characteristics of each fire type, ensuring effective and safe fire suppression.

Water Extinguishers

Water extinguishers for Class A fires function by removing the heat element from the fire. It's important to note that these extinguishers should not be employed for tackling Class B or C fires. When applied to a Class B fire, the discharge stream could potentially spread the liquid, exacerbating the situation. Similarly, in the case of a Class C fire, using this type of extinguisher might trigger an electrical discharge, introducing additional hazards.

CO2 Extinguishers

These extinguishers work by depriving the fire of the oxygen component from the and dissipating heat through a freezing discharge. CO2 extinguishers are specifically designed for dealing with Class B and C fires; however, their effectiveness is noticeably lower when it comes to addressing Class A fires.

Foam Extinguishers

These put out flames similarly to water by taking away the heat component of the fire. These should not be used on Class B or C flames since they are exclusively for Class A fires. In a Class B fire, the discharge stream may spread the liquid, while in a Class C fire, it might result in an electrical discharge.

Dry Powder Extinguishers

Dry powder extinguishers put out fires by either isolating the fuel from the oxygen element or by eliminating the heat element of the fire. Conventional dry powder extinguishers serve a versatile purpose, effectively combating Class A, B, and C fires, which encompass materials like paper, cardboard, fabrics, and wood. In contrast, specialised dry powder extinguishers are solely designed for extinguishing fires involving flammable metals.

Wet Chemical Extinguishers

Wet chemical extinguishers function by eliminating the heat component of the fire and thwarting any potential reignition by establishing a barrier between the oxygen and fuel elements. Wet chemical or K Class extinguishers were specifically developed to cater to contemporary, highly efficient deep fat fryers employed in commercial cooking settings. Moreover, these extinguishers are also suitable for addressing Class A fires within commercial kitchens.

Class D Powder Extinguishers

Specialised powder extinguishers are primarily utilised in locations with particular hazardous compounds. Burning metals that ignite quickly when they come into touch with oxygen, like lithium and magnesium, are what create class D fires. A specialised metal powder fire extinguisher is needed to put out these flames.

Any activity that involves cutting, drilling, or milling aluminium, for instance, carries the danger of igniting aluminium dust or swarf.

Frequent Fire Origins and Strategies for Prevention

Fires usually begin with but are not limited to:

- Defective electrical devices or wiring
- Mobile heaters
- Cooking appliances like deep fat fryers, microwaves, and toasters
- Intentional fire-setting (arson)
- Materials and substances prone to ignition
- Buildup of flammable materials, such as paper and refuse

Loose debris is one of the primary causes of fires. Additionally, it is really simple to avoid this. Do not let garbage, used boxes and packing, plastic trays, or wooden pallets pile up within the structure or outdoors. Garbage should be disposed of in approved containers that are positioned in a secure area.

Additionally always ensure that electrical and gas appliances, such as kettles, toasters, and microwaves in the kitchen, are switched off when not in use and that plugs are unplugged from the mains.

Fire Safeguarding

Fire doors should consistently remain closed and should not be wedged open. They play a critical role in containing the spread of fires. When the building is in use, it's imperative to ensure that fire exits are free from obstructions and unlocked. Similarly, in cases of using any equipment, always conduct a visual inspection to confirm safety for use. Also Ensure that the power cable, plug, and sockets are in optimal working condition and void tampering with wiring or overloading sockets, as this can create a fire hazard.

Note to be made: It is vital to report any instances of damaged wiring or electrical problems to the management.

Firefighting Guidelines – PASS

Upon discovering a fire, initiate the building's alarm system and calmly inform other staff members and individuals in the vicinity to initiate evacuation procedures and follow fire protocols. It is important to provide assistance to individuals facing immediate peril, particularly those who may be unable to exit the building on their own.

If you can ensure your safety, endeavour to extinguish the fire using the appropriate extinguisher. Be cautious not to place yourself at unnecessary risk. If you're uncertain, prioritise evacuation and leave the building.

For effective fire extinguishing, apply the PASS technique using the suitable extinguisher. Position the nozzle towards the fire's base from a distance of about 8 to 10 feet.

1. Pull the pin out.
2. Aim
3. Squeeze the top lever.
4. Spray over fire

What are the Legal Regulations?

The Manual Handling Operations Regulations of 1992 delineate a clear sequence of actions for addressing potential hazards linked to manual handling, which could lead to harm. These steps encompass:

- **Prioritise avoidance:** Strive to evade risky manual handling tasks to the extent that it is practically achievable.
- **Conduct assessments**: Evaluate manual handling operations that cannot be eliminated.
- **Minimise risk:** Take measures to reduce the likelihood of injury to the lowest reasonable extent.

Your Responsibilities

Anything you must carry yourself at work is known as manual handling.

It's important to:

- Adhere to established work procedures designed for employee safety.
- Utilise provided safety equipment correctly.
- Collaborate with your employer on health and safety concerns.
- Notify your employer about any identified hazardous handling tasks.
- Exercise caution to prevent endangering others with your actions.

Injuries and Conditions Affecting the Spinal Region

Regular or substantial lifting and handling activities have the potential to lead to back injuries. Nevertheless, the utilisation of aids specifically designed for lifting and handling can mitigate or even

eliminate this risk, thereby safeguarding the well-being of workers and enabling their sustained productivity.

Manual handling-related back injuries represent a significant contributor to occupational health issues within the United Kingdom.

Over 33% of annually reported injuries to health and safety regulatory bodies and local administrations stem from incidents related to manual handling. But by embracing a pragmatic mindset and employing established methods, you can substantially decrease the likelihood of causing injuries, including back-related ones.

The occurrence of back injuries can frequently be averted. Preventive actions can also yield economic benefits.

In cases where back injuries do happen, promptly reporting symptoms, receiving appropriate treatments, and undergoing suitable rehabilitation can mitigate both productivity loss and injury severity.

Embracing the use of lifting and handling aids to manage manual handling risks yields several health and safety advantages, including:

- Enhanced or sustained productivity
- Lowered expenses on retraining
- Constriction of liability possibilities
- Diminished occurrence of employee injuries or health issues

Effective Handling Methods

When dealing with a weighty or cumbersome object, begin by assessing the required distance and route for transportation. Avoid cramped spaces and obstructions along the way.

Additionally, evaluate whether the load is excessively large or weighty. Determine whether the use of a handling aid or assistance from a co-worker is necessary.

Contemplate the distance the object needs to be transported and anticipate any potential need for grip alteration. It's crucial to consistently maintain the appropriate posture and grip, as this practice significantly reduces the risk of injury, particularly when repetitive lifting is commonplace.

Avoid excessive strain during lifting; and be conscious of your limitations to ensure a pain-free and injury-free experience.

Devise the Lifting Strategy

Before engaging in the task, consider its nature. Where will the load ultimately be positioned? Whenever feasible, utilise suitable handling aids. Should additional assistance be required? Ensure that any potential obstacles, such as discarded packaging, are eliminated.

When getting ready to lift, position yourself effectively. To lift an object for transportation, initially establish a stable stance with your feet spread apart to maintain balance. Securely grip the object.

While handling, maintain a straight back and an upright head posture. Direct your gaze forward, not downwards at the load.

Commence the Lifting Process

- Maintain proximity of the load to your waist during the lifting process, prioritising this positioning. Keep the weightier side of the load positioned adjacent to your body.
- Secure a solid grip on the load.
- Begin the lift with a moderate flexion of the back, hips, and knees. This approach is preferable to either completely bending the back (stooping) or fully flexing the hips and knees (deep squatting).
- Refrain from further flexing your back while lifting. This can occur if your legs begin to straighten before initiating the lifting motion.

During the Transfer

- Steer clear of twisting your back or inclining sideways, particularly when the back is already bent. Keep your shoulders aligned and oriented in tandem with your hips. When turning, opt for repositioning your feet rather than simultaneously twisting and lifting.
- Maintain an upright head posture during handling. After securing the load, direct your gaze forward rather than downwards.
- Execute movements with fluidity. Avoid abrupt jerking or swift movements, as these actions can impede control and heighten the risk of injury.

Things to Consider

- Refrain from lifting or managing a load that surpasses your manageable capacity. Distinguishing between what individuals can lift and what they can lift without risk is crucial. Whenever uncertain, consider seeking guidance or obtaining assistance.
- Set the load down before making adjustments. If precise placement of the load is required, first place it down and then smoothly manoeuvre it into the intended position.

First Aid

The primary goals of first aid are to:

- Prevent further harm
- Preserve life
- Support recovery
- Provide assistance to injured or unwell individuals until professional medical help arrives.

Although we've all tended to minor injuries at some point, offering first aid in a workplace setting is notably distinct. Workplaces can harbour diverse hazards, some more significant than others.

While basic first aid understanding doesn't demand medical expertise, it does require a certain level of learning.

Whilst an employee doesn't always have specific duties relating to first aid at work, it will be helpful to make your employer aware of any issues you may discover in relation to first aid.

An employer cannot make provisions for things they are not aware of. For example, if a first aid box needs refilling and you notice, you should make the appropriate person aware of this, such as your assigned first aider or the department manager.

The Contents of a First Aid Box

Small workplace first aid kits must have the following items:

- 2 x 20 Sterile (Waterproof) Assorted Plasters
- One Conforming Bandage (7.5 cm by 4.5 m).
- 1 × Heat-Retaining Foil Emergency Blanket (Adult), disposable
- 1 piece of HSE Basic First Aid at Work Advice (FREE)
- One (10cm by 10cm) Hydrogel Burn Dressing
- Two (18 cm × 18 cm) large sterile dressings
- 2 sterile medium dressings (12 cm x 12
- Six pairs of Exam gloves made of nitrile that are disposable and powder-free.
- 2 x Non-Sterile Triangular Bandage (90cm x 90cm x 130cm)
- 1 x Resuscitation Face Shield
- 20 x Sterile Cleansing Wipes
- 2 x Sterile Eye Pad Dressing
- 2 x Sterile Finger Dressing (3.5cm x3.5cm)
- 1 x Tough Cut Scissors

Replacing contents:

Although there is no set schedule for examination, many objects, especially sterile ones, are labelled with expiration dates. Be aware that your employer can have a set schedule for checking and replacing things. As prior to the stated expiration dates, they should be replaced, and they should be disposed of properly and safely.

If sterile products don't have dates on them, it's a good idea to ask the producers how long they may be stored for.

AVOID Giving Medication

Giving pills or medications to treat diseases or injuries is not permitted when doing first aid at work. The sole exception to this rule is when aspirin is administered as part of emergency care to a victim who may be having a heart attack. This is in line with the way that first aid is now practiced and with how tools like the auto-injector are used. Despite the fact that they are not often included in the first aid kit.

- Tablets and medications are advised never to be put in the first aid kit.

Adrenaline Auto-Injectors

Adrenaline auto-injector devices, commonly referred to as 'adrenaline pens,' are prescribed to individuals with allergies who are vulnerable to experiencing severe allergic reactions, also known as 'anaphylaxis.'

The use of an auto-injector for managing anaphylactic shock is an exception from the constraints outlined by medication regulations. In cases of life-threatening emergencies, anyone who has received training can administer an auto-injector. In situations where individuals possess prescribed medication that they are unable to self-administer, you should assist them by following the instructions on the medication container.

Your Responsibilities

Think about if your workplace is low or high-risk. Consider hazardous equipment and significant potential dangers.

The employer should:

- Possess a finished first aid needs analysis
- Make sure there is either a designated and qualified person in charge of first aid, or that there are a enough number of first responders who have received the necessary training.
- Make sure there are enough facilities and a first aid kit that is well supplied.
- Give you information on the first aid arrangements.

Hazard Evaluation

Employers will need to do a first aid needs assessment/hazard evaluation, which will look at a variety of criteria, in order to determine what first aid provisions are necessary.

Employers must also take into account unique working dangers, such as those posed by toxic materials, dangerous tools, machinery, and heavy loads. It is their duty to take into account first aid provisions for each level and each building on premises with several floors or structures.

Penalties for Non-Compliance

Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations, 1981 violations are handled equitably. A penalty notice or even legal action may be taken as part of enforcement action, depending on the situation.

Logging Incidents

Employers are required to give first responders and other designated individuals a book in which to record situations that they attended. You can find accident patterns and potential areas for improvement in the management of health and safety hazards by using the information that was recorded. The first-aider or other designated individual often takes care of the book. Employers, though, are ultimately responsible.

The following details should be recorded for each occurrence in the first aid book, which is typically maintained apart from the accident book but can occasionally be found preserved together.

- Information about what occurred to the person soon after the incident.
- The first responder's name and signature, or that of the person handling the occurrence.
- You need to note: The incident's date, time, and location.
- The wounded or unwell person's name and occupation
- Details of the illness or injury, together with the first assistance administered.

The Assigned First Aid Personnel

A designated first responder for your business should have completed a national training program. However, having a designated somebody with some fundamental first aid expertise is the minimal required, as determined by the risk assessment.

The designated individual's duties include maintaining the first aid supplies and facilities and contacting the emergency services as needed. When a first aider is absent due to unforeseeable reasons (annual leave does not count), they can also offer emergency coverage.

An authorised person does not require first-aid training to carry out their duties. But emergency first-aid training programs are advised. Additionally, businesses are advised to assist in ensuring that their first responders are educated and informed of any modifications to first aid protocols.

Administering CPR to Infants and Children

When performing CPR on a kid or newborn, there are a few changes.

If CPR is necessary, it should be started right away for both children and newborns. After performing five compression and breath cycles, which should take around two minutes if you're alone, you should dial 999.

A baby/infant should not be shaken to determine whether or not it is aware; instead, softly massage the baby or tap the bottoms of the baby's feet while keeping an eye out for any movement or reaction. Alternatively, the brachial artery is located on the inside of the upper arm, which is where you should check for a pulse in a baby.

When applying CPR to infants, use simply two fingers to pressure the infant's chest in the middle; the compressions should only go an inch or inch and a half deep. 30 compressions are performed for every two rescue breaths (30:2) after the first five rescue breaths. Use your cheeks to empty air into the baby's mouth during rescue breaths rather than your whole lung capacity. Additionally, put your lips in the baby's mouth and nose to form an airtight seal, rather than just their mouth.

Children should only get compressions that are 1.5 inches deep. Give five initial rescue breaths, then 30 compressions followed by every two subsequent rescue breaths (30:2). A child's airways are not as developed as those of an adult, therefore do not tilt their heads back as far. Compared to an adult, you should also be gentler while administering rescue breaths.

After five compression cycles, or around two minutes, you should use an AED if you have one available if the heart is still not beating. If you or a bystander haven't already called the emergency services, you should do so at this time.

What does COSHH Stand for?

- Control
- Of
- Substances
- Hazardous to
- Health

Safety Data sheets

If a product is harmful or hazardous for supply, sellers of chemicals are required by law to furnish a current safety data sheet.

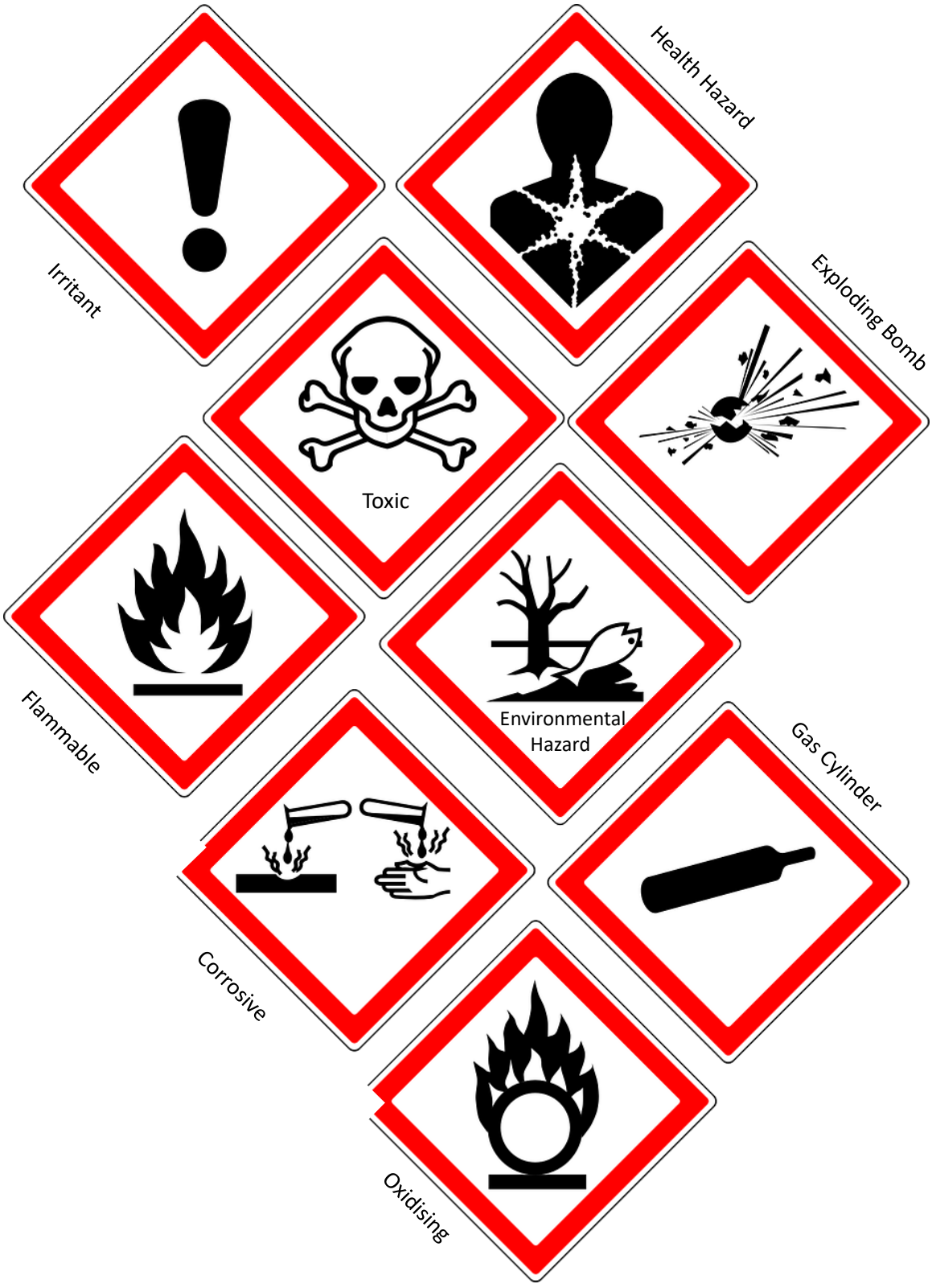
These safety data sheets include details about chemical goods that assist consumers in accurately assessing danger.

They include instructions on handling, storage, and emergency procedures in case of mishaps in addition to describing the compounds that are there.

Chemical Risk Indicators

You may encounter a wide variety of chemicals and cleaning agents at workplaces.

Although they are unlikely to be harmful, they should be handled with care, and before using, the directions should be carefully read.


Irritant
Health Hazard
Toxic
Exploding Bomb
Flammable
Environmental Hazard
Corrosive
Gas Cylinder
Oxidising

What to Steer Clear Of

When dealing with chemicals, refrain from transferring them to containers or bottles lacking proper labels. Doing so could lead to forgetting their identity and safe handling protocols, not only for yourself but for others as well.

Never combine chemicals unless explicitly directed by their usage guidelines. Such actions could emit toxic or poisonous gases, or in rare instances, result in explosiveness.

Mishandling chemicals or neglecting to wear appropriate safety gear can yield injuries and illnesses, encompassing conditions like dermatitis, burns, eye injuries, including loss of vision, and various other potential consequences.