

# COSHH & Hazardous Substances

## Toolbox Talk



# What is a substance?

- Liquid
- Gas
- Solid



# What are the risks?

- Irritation of the skin
- Irritation of the eyes
- Poisoning
- Burns
- Breathing problems
- Death



# Employee Responsibilities

- To wear PPE that has been provided for your safety
- Ensure PPE remains in a good operational condition
- Use substances according to COSHH assessments and manufacturing guidelines
- Inform your employee if a new substance is used on site
- Ensure chemicals are stored appropriately
- Wash your hands after using a substance
- Feedback and speak up, let your employer know of any issues



# Storage of Chemicals

- All chemical stores and chemical containers must display the correct hazard warning signage
- Ensure the following COSHH information is displayed/ available in the Cleaning Stores & Plant Rooms:
  - Duplicate COSHH Assessment
  - Correct PPE to wear
- Under no circumstances should substances be stored in unlabelled containers
- Ensure incompatible substances are stored separately
- All chemical stores should be kept tidy and free from other risk such as slips and trips



# Signs and Symbols

Describe the hazardous signs you see on substances?



Corrosive



Harmful



Serious Health  
Hazard



Toxic



Flammable

