



COSHH at ELHAP

GENERAL STATEMENT

Under the 1992 COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health) Regulations employers have a duty to make an assessment of the risks related to hazardous substances eg chemicals, noxious fumes etc. In accordance with the Approved Code of Practice this assessment will be carried out and written down by the ELHAP Health and Safety Officer.

Following this assessment, in accordance with the Approved Code of Practice (ACOP) ELHAP will:

- a) In the first instance take action to remove any hazardous substances.
- b) If this is not possible then action shall be taken to find a substitute for the hazardous substance.
- c) If this is not possible such substances shall be enclosed within a safe environment.
- d) If none of the above are possible protective equipment will be issued to ensure the safety of staff.

MONITORING

If for any reason a member of staff has to be exposed to a possibly hazardous substance, levels of exposure will be monitored.

At all times levels of ill-health related to exposure to hazardous substances at work will be monitored.

REMOVAL, SUBSTITUTION, ENCLOSURE AND PROTECTION

All members of staff shall avoid using hazardous substances at all times if at all possible. Where substitute materials are available they should be used (eg water based markers, correction fluid etc). If there is no way of avoiding use of a hazardous substance, then staff must use the substance in an enclosed, ventilated environment away from other workers, and use proper protective equipment, which shall be made available by ELHAP.