

Safe Handling of Chemicals

Chemicals can

- cause you and others harm
- cause skin allergies and asthma
- cause skin burns and eye damage



DO

Store chemicals safely:

- ✓ keep clean, cool, dry
- ✓ keep chemicals in their original containers
- ✓ secure storage to prevent access by vulnerable people



DON'T

- ✗ mix chemical products
- ✗ use chemicals if you are not trained to use them safely
- ✗ leave chemical products unattended



Read the label and follow instructions



Keep the workplace well ventilated



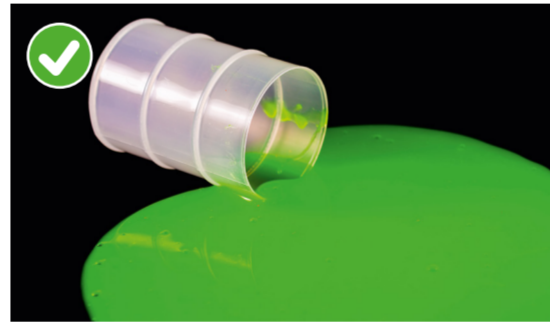
Use personal protective equipment, as required



Practice good hand care – remove contamination promptly, wash hands after use



Know what to do if you accidentally spill the chemical on yourself or others



Report any dangers, spills or damaged containers and clear up spills straight away



Don't store chemicals in bottles or containers designed for other uses (for example food and drink containers)



Don't store chemicals in unmarked containers



Don't place heavy containers on high shelves

Do you know the signs?



Hazardous to the Environment



Serious Health Hazard



Corrosive



Acute Toxicity



Health Hazard



Flammable



Further information

www.hse.gov.uk/coshh

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