

COSHH FOR CLINICAL ENVIRONMENTS

COURSE CONTENT OVERVIEW

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This COSHH for Clinical Environments course will help you to understand where hazardous substances may be present in your workplace and how to control them. It is designed for both employers and employees, as it explains what measures should be implemented and how to maintain them. Knowing this will enable workplaces to comply with the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations and protect people's wellbeing.

Module One: Introduction to COSHH Regulations

This introductory module explains what duties employers and employees must fulfil in accordance with the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations.

- What does COSHH require of workplaces?
- ACoP and guidance notes
- Other relevant regulations
- Who enforces the law?

Module Two: Types of Hazardous Substances and Ill Health

This module looks at how hazardous substances are defined by COSHH and the common types you may find in a clinical setting. It also discusses the various ill health effects that hazardous substances can cause.

- What are hazardous substances?
- Hazardous substances in clinical settings
- Routes of entry
- What are the health risks?
- Occupational dermatitis
- Occupational asthma
- Infections

Module Three: Identifying the Risks of Hazardous Substances

This module sets out what methods are involved in identifying hazardous substances. It describes how to carry out a risk assessment and how to use labelling and safety data sheets, which help you to determine the specific hazards and controls for certain substances.

- What is a risk assessment?
- Identifying hazardous substances
- Labelling and safety data sheets
- Determining who may be exposed
- Evaluating risks and deciding on control measures
- Records of risk assessments
- Reviewing and updating

Module Four: Control Measures for Hazardous Substances

This module goes into detail about the various control measures your clinical setting may need to manage hazardous substances. It also explains the importance of health surveillance for identifying whether exposure has been controlled suitably.

- Principles of good control practice
- Elimination
- Substitution
- Engineering controls
- WELs and BMGVs
- Administrative controls
- Personal protective equipment
- Health surveillance
- Emergency procedures

Aims of the Training

By the end of this course, learners will understand:

- What COSHH and other related regulations legally require of clinical settings.
- What is defined as a hazardous substance under the COSHH Regulations.
- Common types of hazardous substances that they may find in a clinical environment.
- Who may be exposed to hazardous substances in a clinical setting and how.
- Common ill-health effects that exposure to hazardous substances can cause.
- How to identify hazardous substances in the workplace and carry out a risk assessment.
- The importance of CLP labelling and safety data sheets.
- The control measures that are necessary for hazardous substances, in accordance with the hierarchy of control, the 8 principles of good practice, and legal exposure limits.
- The importance of health surveillance and emergency procedures.