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Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (C.O.S.H.H)



What is COSHH?

COSHH stands for the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health. St Anne's Community Services has a Policy on COSHH. This is the law and we all must follow it. COSHH is there to prevent harm and poisoning from chemicals, this can include some cleaning products.



COSHH Risk Assessments

COSHH Risk Assessments must be completed to protect you and your staff. There must be a Data Control Sheet from the manufacturer.



Take the Data Control Sheet to hospital with you if something happens with chemicals, like if you drink or get a product on your skin, it can cause harm.



Your Support Worker must read all COSHH assessments before using any cleaning products.

Only products that have a Risk Assessment and Data Control Sheet may be used.

When shopping, if you choose another product, it is your Support Worker's responsibility to obtain a new Data Control Sheet from the Manufacturer.



Storage

Store all cleaning products in a **locked** cupboard and according to manufacturer's instructions. If you choose not to have a locked cupboard, things still must be stored safely and in the original packaging. Do NOT put products in any other storage containers.



What to do if...

In the unlikely event of drinking a harmful product, take the COSHH assessment and a clearly labelled bottle of substance with you to seek medical attention.



An event of drinking a harmful product should be extremely rare and before using any product, you should be reading the manufacturer's instructions and following them at all times. Staff should always support people when using cleaning products.

