

# Example COSHH risk assessment - Warehouse

## Important reminder-

This example risk assessment shows the kind of approach a small business might take. Use it as a guide to think through some of the hazards in your business and the steps you need to take to control the risks. Please note that it is not a generic risk assessment that you can just put your company name on and adopt wholesale without any thought. This would not satisfy the law - and would not be effective in protecting people.

Every business is different - you need to think through the hazards and controls required in your business for yourself.

<b>Company name:</b> Wholesale warehouse <b>Department:</b>		<b>Date assessment made:</b> <b>Date discussed with employees:</b>				
Step 1 Substance	Step 2	Step 3		Step 4 Action		
Whats the hazard?	What harm, and who?	What are you doing already?	What improvements do you need?	Who	When	Check
Battery acid for electrical picker trucks - skin contact and breathing in mist	Burns from acid, lung irritation from mist					
	Maintenance worker - liquid	Rubber apron, gauntlets, eye protection for acid handling	Spill containment and clean-up kit			
	Night-watchman - mist from charging batteries overnight	restrict access	Roof louvres open during & 30 minutes after charging			
Breathing in fog from pest control	Unknown - contractor uses					

(insecticide)	respirator					
	Everyone	Keep out for 1 hour after fogging, then open doors	None			
Anti-slip floor coating - 2 yearly - solvent / isocyanate	Irritating vapours, skin sensitisation					
	2 chargehands mixing and applying product	Vapour RPE, protection = 10, long-handled roller, protective gloves, coverall	Discard roller and gloves after use. Open doors while applying. New footwear.			
<b>Also:</b>		<b>Action taken</b>	<b>Action needed</b>			
Thorough examination & test - COSHH						
Supervision			Supervise floor coating			
Instruction and training		Warn about skin contact	Respirator training			
Emergency plans		Fire				
Health surveillance		None				
Monitoring		None	Urine test for isocyanate			
<b>Step 5</b> <b>Review date:</b>			1. Review your assessment - make sure you are not sliding back. 2. Any significant change in the work? Check the assessment and change it if necessary			

**Other hazards needing attention:** vehicle movements, manual handling

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