



# Cleaning Materials

<p><b>Hazards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Bleach</li> <li>▶ Detergents</li> <li>▶ Oven cleaners</li> <li>▶ Disinfectant sprays etc.</li> </ul>	<p><b>How they could cause harm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Contact</b> – through the skin or eyes</li> <li>▶ <b>Inhalation</b> – breathing in fumes or vapours</li> <li>▶ <b>Ingestion</b> – accidentally swallowing substances</li> <li>▶ <b>Injection</b> – puncture through the skin from broken glass or needle</li> </ul>
<p><b>Risks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Nose, throat and eye irritation</li> <li>▶ Skin irritation, dermatitis</li> <li>▶ Respiratory irritation, breathing problems</li> <li>▶ Headaches, nausea, dizziness</li> </ul>	<p><b>Control measures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Use a less harmful cleaning product</li> <li>▶ Avoid or minimise contact with harmful substances</li> <li>▶ Keep work area well ventilated (where possible)</li> <li>▶ Erect barriers and notices (where required)</li> <li>▶ Store cleaning products safely</li> <li>▶ PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) – gloves, aprons and eye protection should be worn (where required)</li> </ul>

Hazard identification		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ This symbol means the substance is corrosive</li> <li>▶ The substance can cause burns to the skin and eyes</li> </ul>	<p><b>Found in</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Bleach</li> <li>▶ Oven cleaners</li> <li>▶ Drain cleaners</li> <li>▶ Toilet cleaners</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ This symbol means the substance is harmful</li> <li>▶ The substance can irritate the skin or eyes</li> <li>▶ Can be harmful if swallowed or inhaled</li> </ul>	<p><b>Found in</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Washing up liquid</li> <li>▶ Anti-bacterial sprays</li> <li>▶ Disinfectant spray</li> <li>▶ Floor cleaners</li> </ul>

Line manager's responsibilities	
<p><b>Training &amp; Supervision</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Provide supervision and training – ensure that safe work practices are followed</li> <li>▶ Inform workers of any risks that may be present</li> <li>▶ Risk and COSHH assessments should be made available to staff working with hazardous substances</li> </ul>
<p><b>Health Surveillance</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Explain the early signs of dermatitis</li> <li>▶ Instruct staff to:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct skin checks for dermatitis and be aware of their own health</li> <li>- Are they having breathing difficulties?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Health surveillance with Occupational Health supplier may be required if exposure to hazardous substances is ongoing or ill health effects are noted.</p>	