

Chemical Awareness Training

As excessive exposure to hazardous chemicals can cause acute and/or chronic health complaints, it is management's duty of care, where practicable, to eliminate or minimise the risk to employees in the workplace.

Management is responsible for selecting, purchasing, handling, storing, transporting, using and disposing of hazardous chemicals and is required to develop and implement safe work practices in consultation with employees and in line with State legislative requirements.

This three-hour course will help management achieve this goal and provide employers/employees with the necessary skills and knowledge of hazardous substances, including chemical hazards, and their control in the workplace.

Course Content

- Definition of key terms
- Hazardous substance management principles
- Risk assessment using a risk assessment procedure
- Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)
- Hazard register
- Personal protective equipment and clothing (PPEC)

Learning Outcomes

When participants have completed the course they will be able to:

- Have an understanding of the legislation applicable to the use of hazardous substances;
- Identify hazardous substances in the workplace and understand the range of hazards associated with them;
- Conduct risk assessments;
- Implement risk control strategies as required under the Act;
- Understand the content of Material Safety Data Sheets;
- Know where to find information and resources on the safe use, handling, storage and disposal of hazardous substances; and
- Use the appropriate personal protective equipment and clothing under different conditions.