

## **MISTLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **COSHH – Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Chemical Safety Statement Policy**

When working with chemicals it is important to consider if the chemical is harmful. Obtain the safety data sheet from the supplier of each harmful chemical, display the data sheet and decide if any precautions need to be taken when using it, for instance does the supplier recommend users wear gloves, goggles. Consideration should be given to substituting the harmful chemical for a less harmful one or restricting its use. Safety data sheets are helpful in considering what precautions are needed and are also an essential piece of information if medical treatment is required, if a chemical splashes in someone's eye, is swallowed or contacts the skin. Chemicals must be stored securely and must not be accessible to people who don't know how to use them, and particularly to children.

The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (COSHH) sets out basic measures for employers and employees to take to control exposure to hazardous substances and to prevent ill health.

***Review Body; Parish Council Meeting.***

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