TOOLBOX TALK · HEALTH

Skin care and dermatitis

About 5 minutes · Read it out, then ask the questions at the end.

> **Why it matters.** Wet cement, solvents, resins and constant wet work can cause dermatitis: sore, cracked and itchy skin that can stop you working. Cement can also cause serious burns. Most cases can be prevented.

The hazards

- Wet cement and concrete
- Solvents, resins, adhesives and oils
- Frequent hand washing and wet work
- Not washing contaminated skin quickly

Stay safe

- Avoid skin contact: use tools and the right gloves for the substance
- Wash off cement, resin and chemicals straight away
- Dry your hands properly and use moisturiser after washing
- Don't use solvents or thinners to clean your skin
- Check your skin for redness, dryness or cracking
- Report skin problems early
- Change out of clothing soaked with cement or chemicals

Ask the team

1. Which products on this job can harm your skin?
2. What gloves should you wear for them?
3. What are the early signs of dermatitis?

The law and guidance

Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002. Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992.

General guidance to help you give a toolbox talk. It doesn't replace your site's risk assessments, method statements, permits or training. Check it against your own site rules before you give it.

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By signing, I confirm I attended this toolbox talk and understood it.

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