

COSHH 2002 reg 6: exposure is assessed BEFORE the work starts; reg 7: it is prevented, or adequately controlled, working down the hierarchy — eliminate, substitute, engineer, then RPE last. This assessment covers the substance family below; it is completed against the actual products (their safety data sheets alongside) and the actual task, and briefed to the people exposed. The current workplace exposure limit, where one applies, comes from EH40 and the SDS on the day — write it in below.

1 ASSESSMENT DETAILS

SITE / PROJECT

TASK ASSESSED

PRODUCTS IN USE (SDS TO HAND)

ASSESSED BY

DATE

2 THE SUBSTANCE — WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT DOES

WHERE IT IS MET: Roof, loft and void work in buildings where birds have roosted; strip-out of derelict buildings; work near rodent-infested areas; pest-control clean-downs. The exposure is dust from dried droppings disturbed by work, and contact with the material.

THE HARM: Dried bird droppings carry fungal spores (histoplasmosis, cryptococcosis) and bacteria (psittacosis, salmonella); rodent urine carries leptospirosis, which can be fatal and starts like flu. Bat droppings are the same hazard and bats themselves are protected — disturbing a roost is an offence.

3 EXPOSURE — ROUTES, PEOPLE, LIMIT

Inhalation — dust, fume, vapour or mist

Ingestion — hand to mouth

Skin and eye contact

Others affected — adjacent trades, occupiers, public

WHO IS EXPOSED, HOW LONG, HOW OFTEN

WEL / LIMIT (FROM EH40 AND THE SDS TODAY)

4 CONTROLS — IN THE REG 7 HIERARCHY, ALL IN PLACE BEFORE WORK STARTS

- Contamination identified before the work — a survey of voids and roofs, and a bat check where roosting is possible; a roost stops the job for ecological advice
- Heavy contamination removed by a specialist clean before trades work; light contamination dampened before disturbance, never dry-swept
- FFP3 RPE, gloves, eye protection and disposable coveralls for work in contaminated voids; coveralls off before breaks
- Cuts covered; wash before eating, drinking or smoking; no food in the work area
- Flu-like illness after the work reported to a doctor with the exposure named

SITE-SPECIFIC CONTROLS FOR THIS TASK

RPE WORN (TYPE, AND FACE-FIT WHERE TIGHT-FITTING)

OTHER PPE FOR THIS SUBSTANCE

5 HEALTH SURVEILLANCE, HYGIENE AND FIRST AID

Leptospirosis awareness for people working in rodent-contaminated areas; tetanus current; illness after exposure investigated.

6 STORAGE, SPILLAGE AND DISPOSAL

Contaminated material bagged and sealed at the point of removal and disposed of as the assessment requires; nothing left loose for the next trade.

WHERE IT IS STORED ON THIS SITE

SPILL RESPONSE AT THE WORK

7 SIGN-OFF AND BRIEFING

The assessment is complete when the people exposed have been briefed on it. Reassess when the product, task, quantity or location changes — not on an anniversary.

ASSESSOR — PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

WORKFORCE BRIEFED (DATE / RECORD REF)

R REVISION HISTORY

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