

Chemicals and waste

There are dangers associated with using, storing, transporting and disposing of chemicals. The severity of risk depends on the properties, quantities, strengths and locations of the chemicals. When you assess risks related to chemicals and waste, include substances used by contractors on your premises, as well as any waste they produce.

Are your risks under control in these areas?

Yes No N/A

- Specialist knowledge of chemicals
- Handling chemicals
- Storing chemicals
- Transporting chemicals
- Fuels and oil products
- Handling waste
- Other

Yes = satisfactory
No = action or more investigation is needed
N/A = not applicable

Preventing pollution and emergency plans

By law, you must prevent or control pollution. This means keeping plant and equipment in good working order and training employees in what to do in accident situations.

Are your risks under control in these areas?

Yes No N/A

- Complying with environmental law
- Maintaining plant and equipment
- Employees' environmental knowledge
- Action and communication in an emergency situation
- Other

Emissions and breakdowns

During normal operations, emissions and releases must be within permitted limits. When there's a breakdown or accident, emissions can have harmful effects on large areas, depending on the type and seriousness of the release.

Are your risks under control in these areas?

Yes No N/A

- Air pollution
- Noise, vibration or light
- Radiation
- Releases into water systems and the ground
- Other

Responsible use of resources

Conserving energy, water and natural resources, minimising waste and recycling materials, while good for the environment, can be cost-effective too.

Are your risks under control in these areas?

Yes **No** **N/A**

- Use of energy, for example gas, electricity, fuel
 - Use of water
 - Recycling
 - Energy conservation, for example insulation
 - Minimising waste
 - Other
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The immediate environment

You need to exercise special care when managing environmental risks if your local community or ecosystem (plants, wildlife and so on) is particularly vulnerable or sensitive. You might also need to take into account special limits or conditions set by your local authority.

Are your risks under control in these areas?

Yes **No** **N/A**

- Local community and neighbours
 - Local habitats
 - Other
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Other risk factors

Contractors and subcontractors operating on your premises can create environmental risks. You need to make sure that their ways of working and emergency procedures are good enough to prevent environmental damage. If you're buying land or premises, you need to identify if they have a history of environmental damage – surprises can be unpleasant and costly to sort out.

Are your risks under control in these areas?

Yes **No** **N/A**

- Activities of contractors and subcontractors
- Risk related to the history of land or property
- Other