Unit 105: Protecting health, safety and the environment when working in the construction and built environment sector

# Worksheet 3: Toolbox talk (learner)

Toolbox talks are essential on a construction site. They provide a convenient and effective method of communicating and reinforcing the safety message throughout the workforce and, used properly, can significantly enhance the development of a safe working culture.

The cost of implementing a regular toolbox talk system is minimal, 10–15 minutes a week! The benefits will include greater awareness, with the potential to reduce accident rates, and possibly even save a life.

A toolbox talk is a short discussion with staff and ensures that they are aware under Health and Safety legislation that they all have duties.

You are to carry out a toolbox talk about COSHH:

1. Research and present to your group discussion points on the duties that you think are required for COSHH awareness.

Many hazardous substances are used in the construction industry. Ignoring a hazardous substance today is something you may regret tomorrow.

**Discussion points:**