

# Acid Alkaline / Hazardous Substance Cupboards and Control of Substance Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002

This note is addressed to anyone considering installing a Hazardous Substance Cupboard or Acid Alkaline Cupboard who might be concerned about complying with the legislation governing the storage of substances potentially hazardous to health.

Hazardous Substance Cupboards made by QMP have been designed to help employers comply with the requirements of COSHH. The thrust of these Regulations is the reduction (if not the removal) of the risk to health caused by hazardous substances. The Regulations call for risk assessments to be conducted by employers to analyse the risks associated with the use of hazardous substances. They also call for employers to take steps, appropriate to the circumstances, to reduce or remove risks to health. It is QMP's view that the provision of a lockable, easily identifiable cupboard for the segregated storage of hazardous substances, would be an appropriate step for an employer to take to reduce exposure and the risk to health.

Please note that the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 do not specify the size, design, construction, features, or materials to be used in a Hazardous Substance Cupboard.

QMP recommend that for complete peace of mind, contact be made with the Health and Safety Executive whose role it is to offer advice on health and safety issues.

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