

# Toolbox Talk - Environment

## Painters & Decorators



### MATERIALS AND RISKS

Certain materials you are likely to use may be deemed hazardous - not only from a human health perspective but also to the environment.

Ensuring we are aware of the risks of the product(s) being used, means we can effectively plan work activities and the safe disposal of materials.

### ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

- Certain **paints** contain pigments, solvents, resins and other ingredients which may be considered hazardous
- **Varnishes** contain solvents which are considered hazardous
- **Adhesives, solvents and sealants** may also contain hazardous chemicals or be flammable

### ENVIRONMENTAL HARM

- You are legally required to manage your materials / waste in a responsible manner
- Hazardous waste(s) must be segregated from non-hazardous waste to allow for their onward recovery
- Washing residues out of tubs and or containers into drains has a direct impact on local water quality and can **lead to prosecution**

### WHAT TO DO

- ✓ Remove your materials / waste from site
- ✓ If materials must be disposed of on site, make sure to use hazardous waste bins provided
- ✓ If you are unsure, speak to a member of the site management team or the Group Health, Safety & Environment Advisor.

### DO NOT

- ✗ Wash tubs / containers into drains
- ✗ Discard waste onto the ground
- ✗ Leave waste in plots
- ✗ Dispose of hazardous packaging wastes in general waste or with other non-hazardous types of waste