

Prevent work-related dermatitis

Many people live with pain and discomfort because of work-related dermatitis and have had to give up work.

Take a positive approach to managing health and safety. Just by putting simple things in place, you could prevent work-related dermatitis and the associated problems in your workplace. You could also avoid having to make significant compensation payments.

Work-related dermatitis can be caused by exposure to hazardous substances and physical agents:

- ❑ Chemical (eg paints, solvents, dusts, metal working fluids, cleaning chemicals, hair shampoos, acrylates used in artificial nails)
- ❑ Biological (eg plants, flowers, bacteria, fungi)
- ❑ Physical (eg vibration, radiation and extremes of temperature and humidity)
- ❑ Mechanical (eg abrasion)

It can also be caused by work that involves having your hands wet for long periods (wet working).

Whether you are an employer or an employee, do not become a victim of work-related dermatitis. IT'S IN YOUR HANDS®

The British Safety Industry Federation (BSIF) in association with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has produced a simple information package to help you successfully manage work-related dermatitis.

To find out more information:

- Call the BSIF Info Desk on 01745 585600
- Visit the BSIF website www.bsif.co.uk
- Call the HSE Infoline on 0845 345 0055
- Visit the HSE website www.hse.gov.uk



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Did you know?

A hairdresser had to sell his business because of disabling dermatitis. Tilers, painters, engineers and other workers have been forced to give up work due to dermatitis. £150,000 was paid to a nurse because she could not work any longer.

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Work-related dermatitis

- ❑ Is common and many individuals live with pain, discomfort and suffering.
- ❑ Causes people to lose their jobs because they can no longer work.
- ❑ Results in £millions being paid out to victims in compensation.
- ❑ Costs industry £millions each year in sickness, absence and retraining costs.
- ❑ Treatment takes up valuable resources of the National Health Service.