

Example COSHH risk assessment - Sandwich maker

Important reminder

This example risk assessment shows the kind of approach a small business might take. Use it as a guide to think through some of the hazards in your business and the steps you need to take to control the risks. Please note that it is not a generic risk assessment that you can just put your company name on and adopt wholesale without any thought. This would not satisfy the law - and would not be effective in protecting people.

Every business is different - you need to think through the hazards and controls required in your business for yourself.

Company name: Sandwich makers		Date assessment made:				
Department: Seafood line		Date discussed with employees:				
Step 1 Substance	Step 2	Step 3		Step 4 Action		
Whats the hazard?	What harm, and who?	What are you doing already?	What improvements do you need?	Who	When	Check
Breathe in mist from chopping seafood	Can cause asthma					
	Shelling and mashing fillings	Rear-extracted workbench	Start health surveillance and pre-employment checks			
Garnishes - skin contact with citrus fruits	Can cause dermatitis					
	Slicing and zesting	Protective gloves and skin-care products	Start health surveillance			

Skin contact with trigger sprays - surface disinfection	Irritating to eyes and skin					
	Cleaners	Household protective gloves	Replace spray with foam			
Skin contact with dishwasher detergent fluid	Skin burns from splashes					
	Anyone	Household protective gloves	Swap to detergent pellets			

Also:	Action taken	Action needed			
Thorough examination & test - COSHH	Once a year for workbench	Enclose more - get booth?			
Supervision	Yes				
Instruction and training	Yes				
Emergency plans	Yes				
Health surveillance	None	Ask doctor about asthma and dermatitis checks			
Monitoring					

<p>Step 5</p> <p>Review date:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review your assessment - make sure you are not sliding back. 2. Any significant change in the work? Check the assessment and change it if necessary
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Other hazards needing attention: Cuts, slips, cold and wet work

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