



## OVERVIEW « SOLVENTS@WORK »

BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES (BPG) & POSTERS

**Our poster “Do’s and Don’ts for the safe use of solvents”** uses easy to understand icons allowing everyone at workplaces to immediately grasp the basic rules of the safe handling of solvents.

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**Our BPG “Safe Use of Gloves for the Handling of Solvents”** explains how to choose the right gloves by providing information on which glove material to use for which solvent and how to put on and remove gloves in order to avoid skin contact.

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**Our poster “10 tips for the safe use of gloves”.**

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**Our BPG “Strategies and Techniques for Measuring Solvent Vapour Concentrations in the Work Environment”** focuses on a tiered approach when implementing a measurement strategy for verification of the level of exposure. It provides insight into the various measurement techniques available and when they may be applied to define solvent emission sources, personal exposure and the exposure control measures’ effectiveness.

**Our BPG “Managing Health Risks of Solvent Exposure”** provides simple and practical guidance to solvent users regarding their regulatory obligations under REACH, CLP and CAD<sup>1</sup> and the activities and measures required to ensure that health risks from solvents’ use are managed.

**Our BPG “Flammability: a safe guide for users – safe working with industrial solvents”** explains the main issues linked to solvents’ flammability and static electricity. It provides recommendations to mitigate the associated risks.

### THE DO’S AND DON’TS FOR THE SAFE USE OF SOLVENTS



**SAFETY DATASHEET**  
Do read the label and safety data sheet.

**NO SMOKING OR IGNITION SOURCE**  
Don't smoke when using solvents and avoid all ignition sources.



<sup>1</sup> REACH = Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals CLP – Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures Labeling and packaging of substances and mixture – CAD: Directive 98/24/EC – risks related to chemical agents at work.





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FILMS

**Our film “Safe handling of solvents”** enables users to identify health and environmental hazards and to implement best practices to ensure the safe handling of solvents.

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**Our film “Safe loading and transportation of bulk solvents by road”** aims to support hauliers, drivers and site operators by identifying best practices in the transport of solvents and bulk transfer between vehicles and storage vessels.

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**Our film “Solvents and the safe use of gloves”** shows how to select the appropriate gloves for a particular solvent, and how to use gloves for maximum protection.

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**Our film “Solvents and IBCs”** contains valuable guidance on how to select Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBC). It shows best practices for storage and handling and gives information about relevant legislation on the handling of hazardous solvents.

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**Our films “Solvents and static electricity” (part 1/part 2)** show users and handlers of solvent-based materials how to identify potential sources of static electricity in the workplace and implement measures to avoid static discharges.

Part 1 Available in

Part 2 Available in



**Our films on the Reciprocal Calculation Procedure (RCP)** explain what this method is used for and how to calculate the occupational exposure limits of hydrocarbon solvents.

- Part 1: what hydrocarbon solvents and RCP are
- Part 2: how to calculate an OEL based on RCP method

How to calculate en OEL based on the RCP?

