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**1. Introduction:**

- 1.1 Occupational dermatitis is a common problem within the construction industry. Potential causes include bitumen, pitch, tar, paints, varnishes, brick, stone and plaster dust, organic solvents, thinners, petrol, and white spirit, to name a few.
- 1.2 It most commonly affects the face, arms and legs, but in dust, mist and/or fume form it can also affect the exposed area of the body. Contact dermatitis, if untreated, can result in cancer.

**2. Main Points:**

- 2.1 Look for the hazard labels on substance containers.
- 2.2 Avoid contact with products where possible. Where contact is unavoidable, use appropriate controls.
- 2.3 Report any rashes, or skin irritation to the site manager, nurse or your family doctor as soon as possible.

**3. Points to remember:**

- 3.1 Get first aid for any skin irritation. Wash them covered.
- 3.2 Keep your workplace clean and tidy.
- 3.3 Keep your skin clean and dry. Use soap and water.
- 3.4 Use barrier creams where necessary.
- 3.5 Don't use abrasives on your skin.
- 3.6 Don't wear oil containing products on your skin.

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