

# SEE CARE SHARE SAFETY UPDATE



COMPASS UK & IRELAND HSE

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## ECOLAB CHEMICAL SAFETY INFORMATION UPDATED

We are continuously reviewing and refining our safety information. In light of this, we have engaged in extensive collaboration with our primary supplier of chemical and cleaning products, Ecolab, to enhance the safety information for all the offerings they provide.



As a result of this work carried out there has been a total review and update of all the Ecolab Chemical Product Assessments as well as the Chemical Safety Task Cards. All units must ensure that over the next two months they review and update their Chemical Product Inventories. Once your Inventories are updated, you should then visit the Chemical Safety Pages on the HSE Website, print off and make available the update Chemical Product Assessments and Chemical Safety Task Cards. Remember that the Chemical Safety Task Cards should also be displayed in the unit where regular chemical usage or tasks are carried out as an aid to team members. If you require any advice or further guidance please contact your Sector HSE Manager.

## SAFE USE OF CHEMICALS – REMINDER OF CONTROLS

MONTHLY SAFETY FOCUS

We are seeing a sharp increase in incidents involving chemicals, some of which have resulted in significant injuries to our team members. It is important that we continuously remind ourselves and each other of the rules of chemical safety. Where the Safety Task Card mandates the wearing of PPE, this is for good reason, which is that there is a risk of harm that can only be controlled by the use of the PPE. So when you are dispensing or using chemicals and you are told to wear gloves or goggles, then please do so. Just like you wear a seatbelt in a car and if you were in an accident, it could save your life. By wearing your PPE and following the safety instructions you can help to prevent significant injury when using chemicals.

### The Rules of Chemical Safety

- Use the right chemical for the job
- Use protective clothing and equipment if required
- Add chemical to water NOT water to chemical always follow procedures
- Report anything wrong to your supervisor (damaged containers, spills)
- Store all chemicals safely and in original containers. Safely dispose of empty containers
- Always read the product label and know where to find the safety data sheets
- Be sure you know what first aid treatment is required if you accidentally spill chemicals on yourself or others
- Don't mix chemicals. Mixing chemicals can kill
- Never taste or smell chemicals
- Never use unknown chemicals



As always, we have created a Safety Conversation on this topic and this month there is a couple of posters to print and display in locations where chemicals are used and dispensed.

## TIME TO TALK DAY IS COMING – 6TH FEBRUARY 2025

Run by [Mind](#) and [Rethink Mental Illness](#), in partnership with [Co-op](#), Time to Talk Day is all about bringing people and communities together for the nation's biggest mental health conversation. It can be uncomfortable to open up and share how we're really feeling. But talking openly and honestly can be the first step towards better mental health for everyone. This Time to Talk Day, we're asking people to get comfortable and start talking about mental health.



### HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

There are lots of ways to take part in Time to Talk Day 2025. You could share your own mental health story to inspire others or you could even just reach out to a friend and see how they're doing. Whatever you decide, the [Time to Talk Day website](#) is packed with ideas on how you could take part and guidance on how to have those all-important conversations.

### YOU MATTER NETWORK AND PORTAL

Remember that within Compass Group UK & Ireland there is also a support network available to all, the You Matter Network and there ambassadors are there to signpost and provide material to each of the sectors, to mind out more or to get access to the You Matter Portal scan the QR Code.



TAKE HOME SAFETY

### NEED TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE NOW?

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE URGENTLY REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE 24HR SERVICES, CALL SAMARITANS ON 116 123 OR TEXT SHOUT TO 85258.

## SAFETY IN NUMBERS – DECEMBER 2024

Date Range 21st Nov to 18th Dec 2024 - Information and Statistics Apply To All Compass Group UK&I Units

### Safety Incidents

Hazards & Near Miss Incidents:	<b>528</b>
Injury Incidents:	<b>287</b>
Total Recordable Incidents:	<b>41</b>
RIDDOR Incidents:	<b>5</b>



### Food Incidents

Alleged Food Poisoning:	<b>16</b>
Foreign Bodies (In Unit):	<b>09</b>
Foreign Bodies (Supplier):	<b>02</b>
Substantiated Allergies:	<b>05</b>
Enforcement Visits:	<b>136</b>



### Top Injury Types

Slips, Trips and Falls	<b>190</b>
Cuts	<b>93</b>
Burns and Scalds	<b>82</b>



## SAFETY REMINDERS

- Updates to the Chemical Safety Page of the HSE Website will be live in January make sure you review and update your unit information where appropriate.
- Ensure your team are up to date with all of their Mandatory HSE Training. You can access the My Learning page via Connect and review your teams Learning Progress
- Not sure if you have missed an update on the HSE Website? Not to worry! In response to your feedback we have introduced a summary of all updates each month on a [dedicated page of the website](#).