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Talk No: 32	Title: HIGHLY FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS
Introduction: Highly Flammable Liquids (HFL's), including petroleum based adhesives, are used extensively throughout the construction industry and carry with them the risk of fire, serious accidents and injury.	
Main points: ▪ Always look for the hazard symbol and wording on containers. ▪ Only ever have the minimum quantities at the place of work. Keep the remainder in suitable stores. ▪ Always keep the lid on containers when not is immediate use, and store correctly.	
Discussion points: ▪ Always follow the manufacturer's instructions. ▪ Keep away from open flames and sources of heat (HFL's ignite at relatively low temperatures). ▪ Do not smoke in areas where HFL's are used or stored, and do not use equipment which generates heat and/or sparks (including electrical sparks). ▪ HFL vapors are generally heavier than air and will accumulate at ground level if they cannot disperse. Beware of drains, excavations, pits, etc, both when using and storing HFL's. ▪ HFL vapors can also be toxic, make you drowsy, etc. Only use in well ventilated areas, or, if this is not possible, respiratory protective equipment may have to be worn. ▪ HFL storage should comprise containers made of non-flammable material (don't forget the vapor hazards – ensure there is ventilation). ▪ Clear up any spillage immediately and safely dispose of contaminated cleaning materials. If inside a building, consider assisting vapor dispersal by opening windows, doors, etc. ▪ Consider covering drains to protect against entry by substance or its vapor where necessary and practicable.	
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