

Sleepers treated with Creosote



Some of our staff have recently been exposed to creosote when they were manually handling some sleepers whilst only wearing short sleeved PPE.

Creosote is classed as a High Hazard and is Toxic



Action to be taken

When handling wooden sleepers make sure that:

1. You use the sleeper nips to move the sleepers into & out of the bed
2. Protect your hands with gloves
3. Keep your skin covered at all times
4. Wash your hands before Smoking & Eating

First Aid:

1. Ingestion – Do Not induce Vomiting unless told to do so by a doctor
2. Eyes – Irrigate with water for at least 15 to 20 minutes. If contact lenses are worn, remove after the first 5 minutes and continue rinsing eyes
3. Skin – Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes

If Irritation persists then consult a doctor.