Storage of Dangerous Goods on site

Precautions for the Storage of Dangerous Goods – including flammable and/or combustible liquids on site.

Any storage of Dangerous Goods on building and construction worksites – including and especially flammable and/or combustible liquids, in quantities that do not exceed those requiring a licence under the Victorian Dangerous Goods Act and/or the Victorian Dangerous Goods Storage and Handling Regulations, needs to be consistent with the following:

☑ A full and comprehensive MSDS of the product must be on site, before the product is used. The MSDS must be kept in a readily and easily accessible site or project MSDS Register. This register must be kept in a readily and easily accessible and agreed location.

☑ A “quantities” register of all dangerous and hazardous products must be kept current and up-to-date, to ensure all site personnel are aware of the type and quantities of any such products that are currently being used, or are planned to be used on the site.

☑ All products MUST be clearly marked and labelled and stored in strict accordance to manufactures/product stipulations and any other requirements as per the product MSDS.

☑ If required under any legislation, product specification, MSDS and/or SWMS, authorised warning signs must be displayed in the appropriate and identified work areas in and/or around the site.

☑ For flammable and/or combustible goods, the storage shall NOT be in proximity to heating or any ignition sources (e.g. heating appliance/s, light switches, welders, grinders).

☑ The storage facility of the flammable and/or combustible liquids shall remain fully ventilated at all times to prevent any potential build-up of vapour/s.

☑ Flammable and/or combustible liquids shall not be stored where they may jeopardize access and egress routes in and around the site.

☑ Packages shall remain closed when not in use. Any opening of a package or decanting of a flammable liquid shall be done in well ventilated areas, well away from any type of naked flame or other ignition sources.

☑ Any materials that might react dangerously if mixed, must be kept apart.

☑ No combustible waste materials shall be allowed to remain in or around storage facilities or where decanting of flammable liquids takes place.

☑ A suitable fire extinguisher and/or, where appropriate, operational fire hose/s shall be in close and immediate proximity to the storage facility.