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A Guide to Action Management for DSEAR

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What is it?

Once you've completed your DSEAR Risk Assessment, it's likely that you will have a number of actions that require mitigating. The actions could include;

- > Creating new written procedures
- > Changes to existing written procedures
- > Training
- > Inspection routines
- > Replacement of equipment
- > Investment





How does it apply to me?

Managing actions is something that we all need to do on a daily basis.

The difference here is that actions arising from a DSEAR Risk Assessment could be classed as safety actions in which case they have an elevated priority. Deciding which actions can be done and which you actions should be done can sometimes be a little daunting!

What should I be doing?

Consider each of the risks and apply a hierarchy of control to them. The hierarchy of controls is a well-known risk management process summarised as follows;

- > **Eliminate:** Redesign or change the substance so that the hazard is removed or eliminated.
- > **Substitute:** Replace with a less hazardous material or process.
- > **Control by Engineering:** Use equipment or other additional machinery to control risks from dust or fume. Separate the hazard from people.
- > **Administrative Controls:** Identify and implement safe working procedures
- > **Protect:** If all the previous measures have been tried and found ineffective in controlling risks to a reasonably practicable level then personal protective equipment (PPE) should be used.

Can I do this myself?

Yes, you can do this yourself, but it's vital to have a supportive ear.

Having the best support to discuss and review the best way forward is always helpful.

Where Covol can help

We help our clients deliver programmes of work by providing support with Action Management for DSEAR. By helping you focus on what is important, we can determine how best to budget for it and when to implement action.

We can improve your procedures through the inclusion of best practices or if necessary create new documents for you to implement. We can deliver training in the fundamentals of DSEAR and Hazardous Areas and advise who should be trained in each subject area.

Should any action require detailed design we can create new Control, Instrument or Electrical design packages for you to manage the delivery as part of an improvement programme or alternatively, we can provide you with full support by managing all aspects of turnkey projects on your behalf.

If you wish to discuss any of the above topics in further detail, then please do not hesitate to contact us.





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