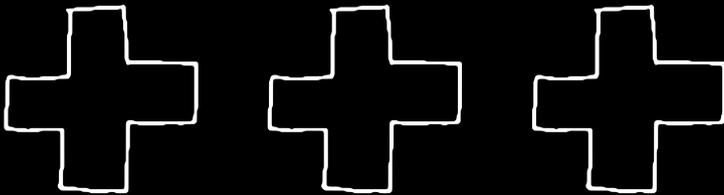


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We all take our health for granted, but the very real fact is that we are exposing ourselves to all sorts of hazards in the bodyshop environment. In the long term the environment can have a significant affect on our health if we do not take the necessary precautions.

## + Have you ever heard these statements in your bodyshop?

- + Myth: "Modern guns don't mist like the old ones so are much safer"
- + Myth: "It won't affect me, I wear a mask"
- + Myth: "I work in a booth so the air is kept clear"
- + Myth: "It's only a touch-up job, I can do that in the workshop"
- + Myth: "Isocyanates cause cancer but so does everything else these days."
- + Myth: "Asthma isn't serious – most kids have got it these days"
- + Myth: "The biggest problem is absorption through the skin but I wear gloves and an overall"
- + Myth: "I've got nothing to worry about, I've had my yearly check-up and it's all clear"

Source: HSE 2011

## + These are all myths!

Vehicle paint sprayers are 80 times more likely to get asthma than the average worker. 1 in 10 of workers in bodyshops who get asthma from isocyanates are not sprayers. This is just one of the real facts put forward by HSE.

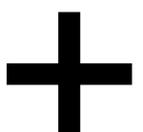
Health and safety is a serious subject and not that one that should be ignored. An important part of being Health and Safety compliant is identifying the risks before the happen. For this it is recommended that a risk assessment is used, to identify which operations, jobs, and tasks, etc require actions to be taken.

Below MaxMeyer Plus provides you with some a useful Risk Assessment Tool to help you identify the risks of your bodyshop.

## + Risk assessment Tool

The MaxMeyer Plus Risk Assessment Tool helps you focus on the risks that really matter in your workplace – the ones with the potential to cause real harm. Consider the spraybooth environment, short bursts of spray results in fine mist which is invisible lighting. This does not mean however the risk is not there.

Now you see it! Now you don't!



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A Risk Assessment helps you identify the potential for harm. In this case, it is the exposure to Isocyanates. Personal Protective Equipment must be worn at all times in the spraybooth!

In many instances, straightforward measures can readily control risks, for example ensuring spillages are cleaned up promptly so people do not slip, or cupboard drawers are kept closed to ensure people do not trip.

Each area in the bodyshop should do a risk assessment to identify the operations, jobs, and tasks that require protection and define which type of protection is needed. Sometimes the risks are not always so obvious so MaxMeyer Plus are providing you with some typical activities that take place in the bodyshop that require a Risk Assessment.

Download the MaxMeyer Plus Risk Assessment Tool [here](#)

