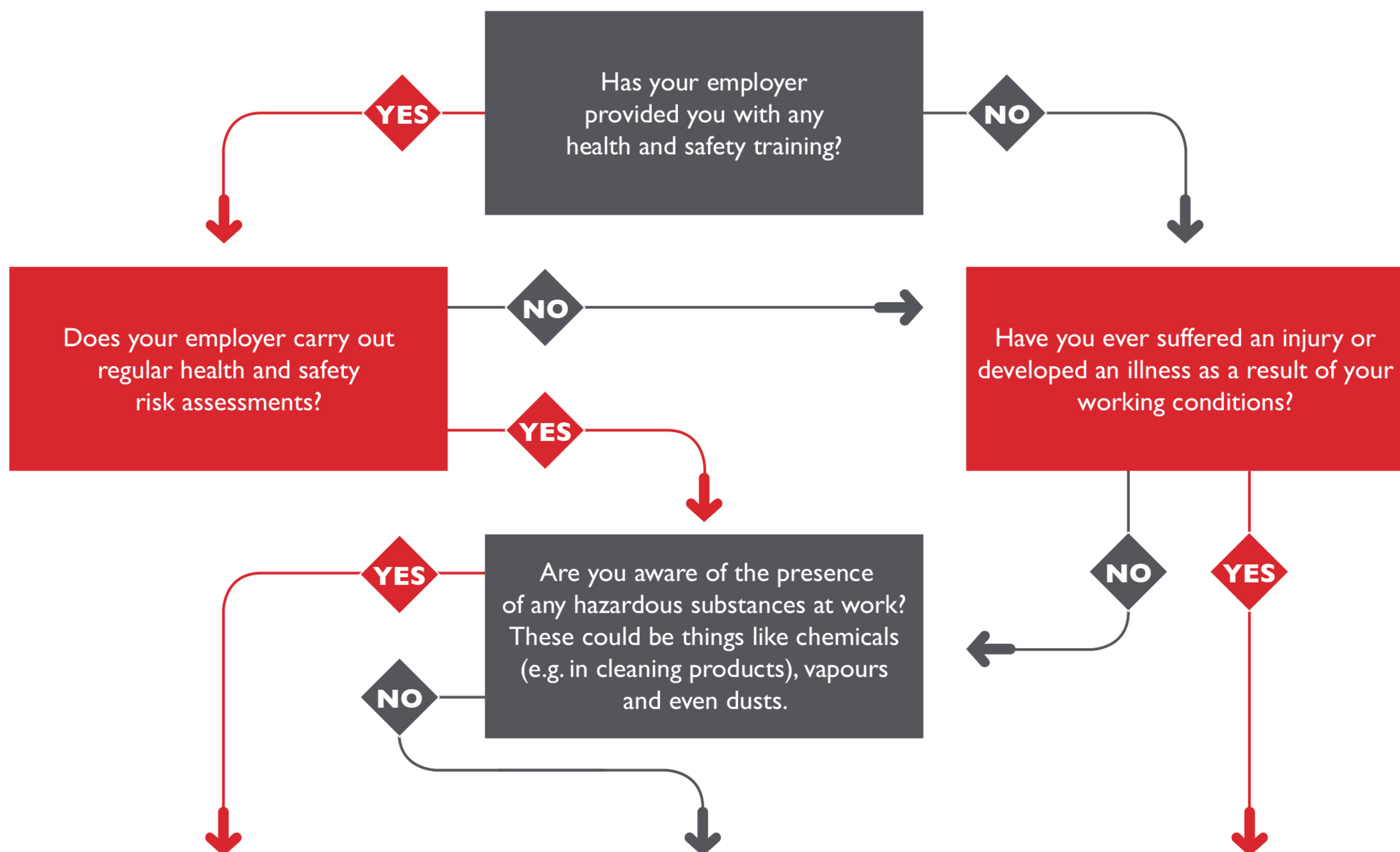


IS YOUR EMPLOYER MAKING SURE YOU'RE #UNDERTHECOSHH AT WORK?

We all share a responsibility to use work practices that are as safe as possible, however, your employer has a legal duty of care to protect you at work under the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations 2002.

Thousands of workers die each year from illnesses caused by exposure to hazardous substances in the workplace. According to government statistics, an estimated 13,000 people die each year from exposure to chemicals and dust at work. Many of these deaths would have been prevented if a robust health and safety structure was in place. This flowchart is designed to help workers understand whether they are at risk, if their employer is adequately protecting them and how they can contribute to making workplaces everywhere safer, and #UnderTheCOSHH.



WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

It sounds like your employer has provided you with adequate training and made you aware of any hazardous substances present at your place of work. It is now your responsibility to follow the training and take care of your own, and your colleagues', health and safety. You should report any potential or new hazards at work, or any breakdown in the systems your employer operates to your health and safety representative or union representative to prevent your fellow workers from being put at risk.

COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR EMPLOYER

You should speak to your employer if you have any concerns with your work environment or if new substances are introduced. They should be able to provide you with adequate health and safety training and data sheets with information on how to limit your risk of exposure to hazardous substances in the workplace. Your trade union representative will also be happy to discuss your concerns about your health and safety at work and provide advice on how to approach your employer.

CONTACT YOUR TRADE UNION'S LEGAL SERVICE

If you are a trade union member and have suffered an injury or illness at work as a result of your work environment, you may be entitled to make a claim for compensation. Contact your trade union's legal service for free legal advice on how to make a claim – you can find details by visiting www.thompsonstradeunion.law.

