1. KNOW WHAT YOU'VE GOT

Do you have an up-to-date list of all dangerous substances on site?
Is the quantity of each recorded?
Do you know where every container is stored?
Are containers labelled clearly?

3. KNOW THE RISKS

Could any substance form an explosive atmosphere?
Are hazardous areas classified signed?
Are ignition sources (mechanical, electrical, static, hot surfaces) controlled?
Has earthing/bonding been tested for bulk liquid or dust transfer?

5. LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Have you carried out a formal DSEAR Risk Assessment?
Is it up to date (reviewed after changes in process, storage, or substances)?
Have staff received training on DSEAR hazards and controls?

2. KNOW THE PROPERTIES

Have you Safety Data Sheets?
Do you know which are flammable, explosive, oxidising, or corrosive?
Have you considered vapour, mist, and dust hazards — not just liquids?
Do you know the potential release scenarios (spill, leak, dust cloud)?

4. STORAGE & HANDLING

Are substances stored in suitable, ventilated areas?
Are incompatible substances segregated?
Are spill kits, absorbents, or fire extinguishers available nearby?
Do staff know how to handle and dispose of substances safely?

6. CULTURE & CONTROL

Is there a process for contractors using substances or ignition sources?
Are housekeeping standards adequate (no dust build-up, "forgotten drums")?
Are regular inspections carried out and logged?
Is responsibility for DSEAR clear?

If you can't confidently answer YES to these questions, you may have a DSEAR gap — and a hidden risk to your people, site and business.