



What is inhalant abuse?

Inhalant abuse is the deliberate sniffing of vapours or fumes from common household products and substances, such as glue or paint thinner.

inhalant abuse

Dangers & Effects of inhalant abuse



Some people are unaware of the dangers of inhalant abuse and may wrongly perceive it to be less dangerous than drugs. In reality, inhalants are just as toxic and addictive. An inhalant abuser may die from suffocation anytime. This is known as **Sudden Sniffing Death**. It can happen on the very first time or any other time the abuser sniffs glue. Inhalant abuse also affects the growth and development of muscles, nerves and organs. Normal activities like running and shouting can cause death by heart failure to an inhalant abuser.

How can you prevent your child from abusing inhalants?

Communicating with your child is the key to prevention.

- Discuss with them about the dangers that inhalant abuse can cause to their health.
- If they need to use a product that can be potentially harmful, e.g. for an art project, remind them to do so in a well-ventilated place.
- Be there for them. Engage them in conversations regularly to understand the stresses that they face in their daily life.
- Help them address peer pressure and emphasise that inhalant abuse is not the right way to fit in.
- Suggest healthy group activities and sports that they can join to widen their circle of friends and boost their self-esteem.
- Observe their activities. Any sudden change in friends, behaviour or interests could be an indicator that they may be facing problems.

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For more information,

1800-325-6666

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If you wish to report cases of
inhalant abuse or illicit drug
activities, please contact:

24 hours daily
Tel: 1800 221 4444
Samaritans of Singapore (SOS)

Mon-Fri (8:30am - 6:00pm)
Tel: 6732 6837
Management Programme (CAMP)

Mon-Fri (9:00am - 5:00pm)
Tel: 6289 8811
Parentline (Covenant Family Service Centre)

Sat (9:00am - 1:00pm)
Mon-Fri (9:00am - 5:00pm)
Tel: 1800 838 0100

National Family Service Centre
Daily (7:30am - midnight)
Tel: 1800 733 4444

Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association (SANNA)
You can call the following helplines:

PREVENTION
With your child
communicating

Know the tell-tale signs*

- Sudden loss of interest in friends, sports or hobbies
- Abrupt changes in school performance
- Sores or a rash around the mouth or nose
- Chemical smell on the breath, clothes or in the bedroom
- Nausea and/or loss of appetite, or sudden weight loss
- Fatigue or extreme mood swings
- Hiding or possessing soft drink cans, containers, rags, or plastic bags with a chemical smell
- Chronic inhalant abusers will also encounter hallucinations, anxiety, excitability, irritability, restlessness or anger

* These signs do not indicate a definite involvement in inhalant abuse.

Where to get help?

If you suspect that your child might be abusing inhalants, do seek help. Early detection can prevent your child from suffering irreversible health damages.

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