

Loss Control Services – 5 Minute Safety Topic

Brush Up on Paint Safety!

Paints brighten our world with their rainbow of colors, so we tend not to think of them as being hazardous. But overexposure to any chemical, including those in paints, presents the possibility of health hazards.

Do --

- Check container labels and MSDSs. (Material Safety Data Sheet)
- Wear the required PPE.
- Use protective skin cream when appropriate.
- Ventilate the paint area.
- Use water-based paints if possible.
- Keep paints away from ignition sources.
- Keep containers tightly closed and sealed when not in use.
- Store paint away from incompatible materials.
- Wash thoroughly before eating or smoking.
- Contain and clean up any spills quickly and completely.
- Properly dispose of or recycle all types of paint products.

Do Not ---

- Smoke or allow open flames in paint areas.
- Use paint from an unlabeled container.
- Mix paints with other substances without approval.
- Use solvents or thinners to remove paint from skin.

