

SOLVENT ABUSE

The greatest **DANGER** for **YOUR CHILD** is in your home

FATAL FACTS

Three times more youngsters die from VSA (Volatile substance abuse) than from illegal drugs.¹

Figures show that 273 people died as a result of VSA over a period of 4 years.² In the same period, 44 people died from taking Ecstasy.³

Deaths from VSA do not get the same publicity as deaths from illegal drugs.

The first time can be fatal - In 43% of deaths, there was no previous evidence of solvent and volatile substance abuse.² (1999 figures)

Your child-could die if they deliberately inhale the fumes from many everyday household products.

OTHER FACTS PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Death figures show that 66% of the victims were aged between 7 and 19.²

Prolonged misuse of solvents and volatile substances can result in brain, liver and kidney damage for your child.³

¹ Home Office Statistical Bulletin 1996.

² 'Trends in Deaths Associated with the Abuse of Volatile Substances 1971-1999' published by St George's Hospital Medical School.

³ 'Mortality Statistics: Injury and Poisoning 1992' Series DH8 No. 18.

⁴ 'Volatile Substance Abuse.' The Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs 1995.



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