

Emergencies Involving Corrosives



Corrosives are harsh acids and caustics that can harm the human body very quickly.

If a Corrosive Gets on the Skin...

- ▲ Rinse (don't scrub) the affected area for 15 to 20 minutes, even if you feel no pain from the corrosive.
- ▲ Remove clothing with corrosive spills on it at once. Use gloves.
- ▲ Do not apply burn ointments or neutralizing solutions.
- ▲ After thorough rinsing, cover the burn with a sterile dressing.
- ▲ Get medical attention.



If Corrosive Vapors Are Inhaled...

- ▲ Get to fresh air immediately.
- ▲ Get medical attention.



If a Corrosive Is Swallowed...

- ▲ Get medical assistance immediately.
- ▲ Have someone call the local poison control center.
- ▲ Don't drink or eat anything unless the label instructions or a medical professional tell you to.

For Other Emergencies...

Handle a spill, leak, fire or other emergency yourself only if it is small and you are trained to do so. Otherwise, get everyone out of the area and notify your supervisor.

Corrosive emergencies demand quick action. Learn what to do now...

- ▲ Study the label and material safety data sheet of each corrosive you use.
- ▲ Learn how to handle, store and dispose of corrosives.
- ▲ Learn company procedures for emergencies involving corrosives.
- ▲ Learn the locations of eyewash stations, safety showers and fresh air sources.
- ▲ Know who to contact to get immediate medical attention.