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HOME STRIP PAINT & VARNISH REMOVER
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How to stay safe when stripping paint

In recent years the consumer has become more demanding in terms of the environment and their family's well-being which has been reflected in a wide range of areas such as the growth of low odour paints & varnishes, natural products, organic foods, fair trade products, etc. etc.

With regard to DIY, one of the most dangerous DIY jobs is stripping of old paintwork/varnishes etc. in and around the home. This is due to the fact that the traditional hazardous paint strippers contain an ingredient called methylene chloride, or sometimes called dichloromethane (DCM). This ingredient causes dizziness, nausea, and even death in severe cases. (List of fatalities/incidents can be found on a website www.eascr.org – European Association for Safer Coatings Removal). Classified as a Class 3 Carcinogen DCM evaporates quickly and is easily inhaled. It can also cause problems for people with heart, lung or blood diseases. Prolonged high exposure can cause liver & kidney damage.

Now, the EU is seeking further restrictions on sale of DCM products, in particular to the consumer. On 14th February 2008 the European Commission proposed a total ban to consumers (who are least aware of the dangers of dichloromethane and who have least access to protective equipment) , a general ban to professionals operating outside industrial premises, and Member States can opt to allow further use by professionals **but only** with adequate training together with a licence to operate.

Why wait for this to become law in 2009? Take action now!!

Use a safe alternative.

So how do you strip paint and stay safe?

1. Use a non-DCM paint stripper or water-based products – such as Home Strip® from Eco Solutions Limited www.ecosolutions.co.uk
Take care to read label information carefully – if not using Home Strip® some non-DCM products contain N-methyl Pyrrolidone (NMP) which is *dangerous for pregnant women*
2. Always clear away paint waste straight away to avoid contaminating other areas.
3. Remember that lead-based paints are normally present in properties over 40 years old – this type of paint is particularly dangerous for young children. Using a water-based paint stripper such as Home Strip® from Eco Solutions Limited www.ecosolutions.co.uk will reduce the risk of exposure to lead because the product encapsulates any lead particles into the emulsion, preventing dangerous airborne particles. ***NEVER*** sand painted surfaces which you suspect may contain lead based paint.

From the ROSPA website www.handandlass.org.uk (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) there is information on admissions to hospital of at least one per day where accident victims have been using paint stripper or paint thinners.

REMEMBER to prepare well for the job, and use the product company's technical or customer care line telephone number to ensure you are properly protected.



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