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**If not
properly
used, paint
strippers are**

Paint strippers contain chemicals that loosen paint from surfaces. These chemicals can harm you if not used properly. Some paint stripping chemicals can irritate the skin and eyes, or cause headaches, dizziness,

**your health
and safety**

may cause cancer, reproductive problems, or damage of the liver, kidneys, or brain. Others catch fire, and

4. Use paint strippers outdoors if possible. If you must use them indoors, cross-ventilate by opening all doors and windows. Make sure there is fresh air movement throughout the room. Ventilate the area before, during, and after applying and stripping. Never use any paint stripper in a poorly ventilated area. If work must be done indoors under low ventilation conditions, consider having the work done professionally instead of attempting it yourself.

5. If you must work indoors, always work so the stripper fumes are blowing away from you and to the outside (see illustration below). A fan can be used to improve cross-ventilation and to ensure fresh air movement. A fan is particularly important for *nonflammable* products that evaporate quickly, such as methylene chloride. Electrical sparks from fans may increase the chance of *flammable* paint strippers fumes to catch fire.



6 Do not use flammable paint strippers near any

water heaters, gas or electric clothes dryers, gas or electric furnaces, gas or electric space heaters, and

Use the amount of stripper recommended by the manufacturer to avoid buildup of harmful fumes.

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throughout the workplace. Electrical conductive floor coverings

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- Avoid using this product for extended periods in an enclosed area without open doors or windows to the outside for cross-ventilation.

Dibasic esters (DBE) including dimethyl adipate

Some point strippers have a citrus smell or taste