

Paint Stripping Products: Safer, Less Toxic Choices

Paint strippers containing methylene chloride are extremely toxic.



Chemical Stripper Type	Hazard	Precautions
<p><u>Preferred:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benzyl alcohol • Soy-based • Dibasic esters 	<p>Eye, nose, throat, & lung Irritation Skin irritation</p>	<p>Chemical goggles Gloves <i>Asthmatics should not use these products</i></p>
<p><u>Use with Caution:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sodium hydroxide • Magnesium hydroxide • Calcium hydroxide 	<p>Eye injuries Chemical burns</p>	<p>Chemical goggles and face shield Apron Gloves: • Caustic-resistant</p>
<p><u>Extreme Caution:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N-Methyl pyrrolidone (NMP)* 	<p>Reproductive harm</p>	<p>Chemical goggles Gloves: • Ethylene-vinyl alcohol laminate Respirator: • Organic vapor cartridge</p>
<p><u>Not recommended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methylene chloride* • Toluene* • Methanol* 	<p>Neurological effects Heart attacks Death</p>	<p>Chemical Goggles Gloves: • Ethylene-vinyl alcohol laminate Ventilation: • Mechanical Respirator: • Supplied-air if used indoors</p>

* These chemicals are known to the State of California to produce cancer or reproductive harm. See safety data sheets for up-to-date formulations.

NOTE: Pre-1978 buildings and some furnishings may contain lead paint.

For information on safe removal of lead-containing paint, see: <http://www2.epa.gov/lead>

For more information on paint stripper product selection, go to:

www.cdph.ca.gov/StripPaintSafely -----> or scan:

