

Breathing isocyanate paint mist causes asthma

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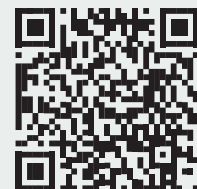


- You must be adequately trained to use isocyanate paints
- Spraying causes most mist so use an extracted spray booth or room
- Local Exhaust Ventilation (LEV) examination and testing at least every 14 months is a legal requirement
- A negative pressure indicator is a cheap and effective way of knowing if the booth remains effective and alerting if the filters need changing
- A lot of paint mist is normally invisible. It does not smell and spreads through the air like smoke
- It takes time for fine mist to clear. Find out the booth or room 'clearance time'
- Spray booths should be labelled outside with the clearance time, which should be verified when LEV is tested
- Anyone exposed to paint mist should use air-fed breathing apparatus (BA)
 - Supplied air must be at the right pressure, filtered and clean
 - Never lift your visor or remove your breathing apparatus during spraying or clearance
 - Keep everyone else out until the paint mist has cleared



For more advice see:

www.hse.gov.uk/mvr/bodyshop/isocyanates.htm



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