

SAFETY INFORMATION SHEET

AEROSOL SAFETY

Aerosols are pressurised so please remember:

- Do not pierce or puncture aerosols, even when they appear empty, because there is always some pressure, and possibly some product, left inside which may be flammable or cause the can to rocket or burst and cause severe injury. DO NOT strike the can against any surface or object.
- Do not put aerosols on a bonfire, even when they appear empty, because they may explode and cause injury.
- Keep aerosols out of the sun and in a cool, dry place away from heat. The pressure inside the can increases with temperature and this may cause it to burst. Damp environments may accelerate rusting of tinfoil (steel) aerosol cans.
- You should never keep aerosols inside the passenger compartment of vehicles because temperatures can rise quickly, even on overcast days.

Aerosols contain a concentrated product so:

- You generally only need to use them in short bursts unless the instructions say otherwise.
- Do not spray aerosols near your face or eyes.
- Avoid breathing aerosol vapours and only use in a well-ventilated space. If you are using aerosols in a confined space, like a cupboard or under the sink, make sure that you open windows or doors afterwards. Follow the manufacturer's advice (on the product label and Safety Data Sheet) regarding any specialist personal protective equipment that you should use.

The contents of an aerosol may be flammable so:

- Do not spray it on, or near, a naked flame or fire.
- Do not smoke when you are using an aerosol or immediately afterwards when flammable vapours may still be present.
- Do not spray near any heat or source of ignition (such as a stove top, pilot light, candle or live circuits).
- Keep aerosols away from children.

Solvent abuse

Unfortunately some people abuse solvent-based products such as aerosols, adhesives and lighter fuel to get a temporary 'high' and risk serious physical harm and even death.

Volatile Substance Abuse, often called "chroming", "huffing" or "sniffing", is extremely dangerous and can kill instantly – **DO NOT deliberately concentrate or inhale aerosol gases.**

Advice on, or help for solvent abuse is available in Australia from:

Lifeline - www.lifeline.org.au
Phone 24/7: 13 11 14

Kids Helpline - www.kidshelpline.com.au
Phone 24/7: 1800 55 1800

Australian Drug Information Network
www.adin.com.au/help-support-services

For more information on using aerosols safely see <http://aerosol.com.au/about-aerosols/safety-at-home/>.

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