



# NATIONAL INHALANTS & POISONS PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

Poison Control Center (800) 222-1222 or [www.aapcc.org](http://www.aapcc.org)

**Mr. Yuk** <http://www.chp.edu/CHP/Mr.+Yuk> To promote poison prevention and the poison center, the iconic symbol **Mr. Yuk™** was created by the Pittsburgh Poison Center and was the first recognized poison prevention/poison center awareness symbol in the U.S. Since then, Mr. Yuk has been used to educate children and adults in the U.S. and internationally about poison prevention and to promote poison center awareness. Mr. Yuk has raised the awareness that poison centers are available 24 hours-a-day, every day of the year to assist in the management of poisoning emergencies and to provide poison information. Every Mr. Yuk sticker contains the name of the nearest poison center and the national toll-free "Poison Help" telephone number: 1-800-222-1222. Regardless of your location in the U.S. or its territories, dialing that number will direct your call to the nearest regional poison center.

Despite warnings of the dangers inhalants, two new government reports reveal that it is an increasing problem among young people. The primary abusers of inhalants are adolescents aged 12 to 17 and more girls than boys report huffing, according to the latest surveys and statistics. The [2006 Monitoring the Future](#) study indicates that more 8th graders have huffed inhalants in their lifetime than any other illicit drug.

Inhalant abuse can cause damage to the brain, kidneys, and lungs. Chronic use can be highly toxic and even lethal.

**Inhalants STREET TERMS:** Air blast, Bullet bolt, Discorama, Glading, Heart-on, Hiagra in a bottle, Highball, Hippie crack, Huff, Medusa, Moon gas, Oz, Poor man's pot, Satan's secret, Spray, Texas shoe shine, Snorting, Toilet water

Using Inhalants **STREET TERMS:** Bagging

Inhalants; to inject a drug **STREET TERMS:** Bang

Adding PCP, heroin, or another drug to marijuana; using inhalants **STREET TERMS:** Dusting

One who sniffs or inhales glue **STREET TERMS:** Gluey

Isobutyl nitrite, inhalants **STREET TERMS:** Hardware, Quicksilver, Snappers, Thrust, Whiteout, Whippets

Inhalants abuser **STREET TERMS:** Huffer

To sniff an inhalants **STREET TERMS:** Huffing

Getting off a drug habit **STREET TERMS:** Kick

Nitrous oxide **STREET TERMS:** Laughing Gas

Amyl nitrite **STREET TERMS:** Pearls

Isobutyl nitrite; amyl nitrite; methamphetamine **STREET TERMS:** Poppers

Cocaine; isobutyl nitrite; inhalants **STREET TERMS:** Rush

Toluene, chemical contained in many inhalants **STREET TERMS:** Tolly

Octane booster which is inhaled **STREET TERMS:** Toncho

Rubber cement rolled into balls, burned and the fumes are inhaled **STREET TERMS:** Snotballs

- [Basic Facts About Inhalants](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Early Inhalant Use Signals Future Problems](#)

**Inhalants can disrupt normal heart rhythms, which can cause a heart attack.**

Inhalants spread toxic chemicals throughout the body, and can cause *blackouts* and *hearing loss* as well as *liver*, *kidney*, and *bone-marrow* damage.