Formaldehyde

Sealants Sector

Formaldehyde can turn up in small amounts in acrylic latex caulk, where it serves as a preservative.

How can this chemical affect my health?

**Acute (Short Term) Effects**

- **Toxic to Humans & Animals** - Can be fatal on contact, ingestion or inhalation for humans and other mammals.

- **Irritates the Eyes** - Can cause irritation or serious damage to the eye.

- **Irritates the Skin** - Can cause irritation or serious damage to the skin.

**Chronic (Long Term) Effects**

- **Cancer** - Can cause or increase the risk of cancer.

- **Gene Damage** - Can cause or increase the rate of mutations, which are changes in genetic material in cells.

- **Asthma Trigger** - Can result in high sensitivity so that small quantities trigger asthma, nose or sinus inflammation or other allergic reactions in the respiratory system.

- **Sensitizes the Skin** - Can lead to allergic reactions on the skin.

- **Birth Defects** - Can cause harm to the developing child including birth defects, low birth weight and biological or behavioral problems that appear as the child grows.