Methanol

Methanol is a building block of formaldehyde, and also serves as a solvent in its own right.

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.

Chronic (Long Term) Effects

- Reproductive Harm - Can disrupt the male or female reproductive systems, changing sexual development, behavior or functions, decreasing fertility, or resulting in loss of the fetus during pregnancy.
- 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.
- Other Health Effects – Can cause serious damage on contact or ingestion.
- Brain/Nervous System Harm - Can cause damage to the nervous system including the brain.

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