Six Facts on Chemical Exposure



Here are six chemical exposure facts that will shock you.

Odds of winning the lottery: 1 in 135,145,920 (multi-state, mega millions jackpot). Lifetime odds of dying from exposure to noxious chemicals: 1 in 161 (National Safety Council Odds of Dying)

- 1. US poison control centers reported about 2 million unintentional poisonings or poison exposure cases in 2006.
- 2. Chemicals can contact or enter the body through 4 routes, namely inhalation, skin contact, eye contact or ingestion (swallowing).
- 3. Exposure to harmful chemicals is the 8thleading cause of death in the US, according to Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility.
- 4. The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety says the skin or eyes should be flushed with water for 15 to 20 minutes following exposure to moderate to severe irritants.
- 5. Of eye injuries reported on the job, 20 percent are caused by chemical exposures.
- 6. An estimated 60,000 worker deaths occur each year in the US as a result of chemical exposure.