

OHS ALERT



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Methylene Chloride NO THANKS!

A recent find by one of our diligent, hardworking and conscientious CFMEU OHS Representatives of a hazardous aerosol spray adhesive — has highlighted just how dangerous these products can be and how important it is to thoroughly read and accurately interpret Safety Data Sheets when it comes to any such products!

THE PRODUCT IS CALLED TENSORGRIP X40 AND IS MANUFACTURED/ SUPPLIED BY A COMPANY CALLED QUIN GLOBAL ASIA PACIFIC.

The product contains between 40-60% of a chemical called Methylene Chloride. Now, the US EPA recently finalised (April 2024) a ban on most uses of Methylene Chloride calling it “a dangerous chemical known to cause liver cancer, lung cancer, breast cancer, brain cancer, cancer of the blood and cancer of the central nervous system, as well as neurotoxicity, liver harm and even death...”

[https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-finalizes-ban-most-uses-methylene-chloride-protecting#:~:text](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-finalizes-ban-most-uses-methylene-chloride-protecting#:~:text=)

So - What can you do...???

If you find this product or indeed any other product containing Methylene Chloride on your site – **DO NOT USE IT!** Use our trusted OHS legislative “hierarchy of control” and demand that an alternative, safer, less hazardous and less dangerous product be used – there’s always a safer alternative... and all workers deserve better!

IF IN DOUBT SEE YOUR ON-SITE OHS REP AND/OR CALL YOUR CFMEU ORGANISER OR CFMEU OHS UNIT.



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