

GET HELP

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (DMHSA)

Crisis Hotline: 647-8833
Drug & Alcohol Branch
475-5438/39

FOR ADOLESCENTS

Sanctuary, Inc.
24-hr Hotline: 475-7100
Main Office: 475-7101

FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

Air and Family Readiness Center
366-8136
Navy Fleet Family Support Center
333-2056/57

INHALANTS

INHALANT USE ON GUAM

IT IS ILLEGAL TO SELL BUTANE OR PROPANE IN ANY FORM, TO ANY PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN (18).



DEADLY
FUMES
THAT
HARM
YOUTH

GET THE FACTS



Inhalants are a diverse group of substances that include volatile solvents, gases, and nitrates that can be sniffed, snorted, huffed, or bagged to produce intoxicating effects similar to alcohol. Chronic use of inhalants can cause severe, long term damage to the brain, liver and kidneys. Sniffing or huffing can cause an immediate high and irreversible physical and mental damage to the brain.

KNOW GUAM'S LAW ON INHALANTS

Public Law 28-25:

Regulates the sale of Butane, Propane and other Inhalants to minors.

It is a misdemeanor for any business to sell, or transfer butane gas, butane lighters or butane in any form AND propane gas to any person under the age of eighteen (18).

ONLINE RESOURCES

DMHSA-PEACE

www.peaceguam.org
www.healthychoiceingguam.org

National Inhalant Prevention Coalition (NIPC)

www.inhalants.org

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and SAMHSA's National Clearinghouse

www.ncadi.samhsa.gov/links

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

www.nida.nih.gov

PARENTS. THE ANTI-DRUG.

www.antidrug.com

The Partnership for a Drug-Free America

www.drugfree.org

 PEACE

Prevention & Early Intervention
Activities
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Sudden Sniffing Death Syndrome can result from first time use of an inhalant even by a healthy young person.

Current Inhalant Use among high school students on Guam (6.3%) is higher than the United States (3.9%) and surpassed the nationwide rates in 2001 and 2003.*

Inhalants are one of the most common drugs of abuse among court involved youth. In 2005, one of four youth from the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA) reported experimenting with inhalants.*

KNOW THE SIGNS

- Slurred speech
- Drunk, dizzy, or dazed appearance
- Unusual breath odor
- Chemical smell on clothing
- Paint stains on body or face
- Red Eyes
- Runny Nose



*Source: Guam Substance Abuse Epidemiological Profile 2006