



## 1 IN 6 EMPLOYEES HAS TO DEAL WITH HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AT WORK



You can get sick from working with hazardous substances. At TWEHA, too emphasis is given to the handling of hazardous substances.

In the development of our adhesives and sealants, we think about working safely, for example by avoiding hazardous substances and solvents and thus preventing applicators from coming into contact with substances that are extremely harmful to their health.

Many think that materials are safe because they are easily available. But the relevant volatile substances can be as dangerous as drugs or alcohol. Therefore you always have to be careful using chemicals!

The exclusion of the use of primers contributes to our care for those who regularly work with our products.

Primers contain toluene as a diluent.

Also known as toluol, toluene is a chemical related to petroleum and coal tar. Excessive exposure to toluene can lead to: confusion, problems with speaking and walking (feeling drunk), behavioral changes, chronic fatigue, drowsiness, unconsciousness, depression and seizures and respiratory arrest. Liver and renal dysfunction and neuropsychiatric symptoms can also occur. In rare cases cardiac arrhythmias may occur. Toluene is considered a reprotoxic substance.

These symptoms show how dangerous toluene can be. Fortunately, more and more people are aware of the dangers posed by toluene and other inhalants and are switching to the environmentally friendly products of TWEHA.