



SCHOOL SUPPLIES CHOOSE SAFETY AT SCHOOL AND HOME

Your child will need supplies for schoolwork both at school and at home. Select products that cannot be abused as inhalants. Look for:

- Water-based, non-scented markers instead of solvent-based permanent markers.
- Low odor dry erase markers
- Water-based fine point markers instead of Sharpies or other solvent-based fine point markers
- Water-based glues (avoid rubber cement and other solvent-based glues)
- Water-based correction fluid or correction tape
- Art supplies such as water-based or non-toxic paints
- Computer dusters containing carbon dioxide as the propellant

Tips for decreasing risk of inhalant abuse

- To determine if products can be abused, check the warning label. Watch for statements such as "intentional misuse by deliberately concentrating and inhaling the content can be harmful or fatal" or "avoid breathing vapors" or "use in a well-ventilated area." Look for non-toxic alternatives.
- Be aware that products with a strong smell usually can be abused.
- Any aerosol product has the potential for abuse.
- When a safer product cannot be substituted, supervise and monitor use. Read safety instructions with your child.