

Keep Your Family Safe

Don't bring chemical hazards home

You love your family and wouldn't do anything to hurt them would you? But thousands of workers around the country have done just that. They didn't mean to, of course. They had no idea that they were actually poisoning their kids and spouses. But they did so nevertheless. How? Without realizing it, they brought hazardous chemicals for home with them.

How Your Home Can Become Contaminated

Here's how hazardous substances from work could enter your home:

1. **Work Clothing.** Chemicals on your clothes and shoes can rub off onto furniture or carpets. If work clothes are laundered with the family wash, everyone's clothes can become contaminated
2. **Tools and equipment.** Chemicals can also adhere to tools and equipment. If you bring them home even just into your workshop you could be spreading chemical contamination to your family.
3. **Other items from work.** Contaminated items from work, such as bags, boxes, rags, metal drums, and scrap lumber, can cause serious or fatal poisoning of family members.
4. **Your body.** If you work with or around hazardous chemicals and you don't wash carefully before leaving work, you could bring those chemicals home on your hair, your hands and your skin.

How to Prevent Home Contamination

To protect your family from harmful chemicals, always take these precautions

- Change out of contaminated clothing and wash thoroughly with soap and water before going home.
- Leave soiled clothes at work to be laundered.
- Store street clothes separate from work clothes and away from any possible chemical contaminants.
- Don't bring home any objects from work