

7.2 Product Safety

Your eye protection and gloves should always be worn whenever you are using any type of graffiti removal product, no matter how safe it might be. Prolonged exposure of even safe chemicals won't show up immediately, so error on the side of caution. Plus, you never know when something might splash and get on your skin without you knowing it, or get in eye.

Before using a product, make sure you know what its intended purpose is and how to use it. This information can be acquired in the form of a video, information sheet provided by the manufacturer, or by calling the producing company directly. Use the product as directed and don't make it a guessing game. The products you will be using are designed to dissolve paint binders, so ignoring safety precautions can result in injuring yourself and others.

You should also know about each product's Safety Data Sheet (SDS). Each product that you have with you while working will have its own SDS that needs to be in the vehicle or on the job-site with you at all times. The SDS provides information that poison control and/or a hospital will require if there is a situation where you are hurt from the product. The key ingredients that will likely cause human illness will be listed on them as well as other storage information and potential hazards associated with them. Most government bodies require SDS to accompany all products. Even if your local government doesn't require you to carry them, you should do so anyway for your own safety and as well as the safety of anyone in the area who could be hurt. For example, if you were to apply products to graffiti and turn your back while letting the products do the work, someone (perhaps a child) could walk by and touch it. The parent will want to know what it is on their hands and because they might have more sensitive skin, it could cause a rash, sting, or they could have touched their face with it. You never know, so play it safe and keep a binder with copies of every product's SDS with your products at all times.

Most companies will provide electronic copies once you have purchased products from them, so you can print these off and keep them accessible throughout your company.