



Safety Alert

Hazard Alert: Degreaser causes Skin Irritation

A tyre serviceman received a minor skin reaction from exposure to degreaser.

The tyre serviceman submersed his hands and wrists into the degreaser whilst cleaning tools.

This could have been avoided if appropriate personal protective equipment such as rubber gloves had been worn.

Any person required to work with chemicals should have a good understanding of the potential hazards associated with the chemical/s that they are working with. This information can readily be obtained from the **MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet)**.

Please ensure that relevant and current MSDS are available, read, understood and appropriate precautions adhered to when using any chemical substance.

Furthermore, exposure to such chemicals where possible should be minimised, this may be achieved by ensuring adequate PPE (personal protective equipment) is being utilised and by ensuring that minimal amounts of chemicals are used.

Should any type of reaction occur when working with chemicals, refer to the MSDS for the chemical used and the specific first aid stipulated should be followed immediately.

Discuss this information and include this Hazard Alert as a safety point at your next meeting.

Clean tools safely always

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