

TESLA WORKERS UNITED FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH

SAFETY ALERT #1

We work with many chemical products. Do you work with this one?



3M Adhesion Promoter 4298UV

Health Hazard: “May damage fertility” or the developing fetus.⁽¹⁾

Used in: General and body assembly, door line, plastics, test lab, end-of-line, others.

Contains: Cyclohexane, Xylene, Ethylbenzene⁽²⁾

Did you know that repeated exposure to this product can affect your health and the health of your family?

- **Reproductive health:** This product is a “Presumed Human Reproductive Toxicant,” which means that it can affect reproductive health, including sexual function, fertility and/or pregnancy.⁽³⁾
- **Birth Defects:** Effects on the fetus can include “death of the developing organism, structural abnormality, altered growth and functional deficiency.”⁽⁴⁾
- **Cancer & Nerve Damage:** Repeated exposure can damage the nervous system.⁽⁵⁾ Ethylbenzene is a “confirmed animal carcinogen.”⁽⁶⁾

What are our rights? How do we protect our health?

We use many chemical products at Tesla. Tesla is required to provide a safe workplace and to tell us about the chemicals we work with. We have a right to:

- **Information:** We can request the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for any chemical product we work with. It describes health effects and protective measures.⁽⁷⁾
- **Warnings:** Tesla must ensure that hazardous chemical products are labeled so we know what chemicals we are working with.⁽⁸⁾
- **Training:** Tesla must provide training in the safe handling of chemical products.⁽⁹⁾
- **Protection:** Tesla must provide ventilation systems, enclosures or other protective equipment to prevent contamination of the workplace atmosphere.⁽¹⁰⁾

Learn More, Get Involved

We need better information, effective exposure controls, and safer chemicals. As a union, we'll be better able to work together to achieve these important objectives.

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