Nail Polish

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What is in it? Usually contains solvents.

Is it toxic? In general, toxicity is minimal due to packaging (i.e. size of container opening and amount).

Health Effects:
Eyes: Possible irritation.
Skin: Possible irritation or sensitivity.
Ingestion: Ingestions of small amounts may cause nausea and vomiting.

What to do?
Eyes: Rinse eyes with lukewarm water with one of the following methods:

- Pour a gentle stream of water from a jug or clean teapot over the eye from the inside corner by the nose, across the eye, flowing out towards the ear.
- Submerge eye in a container (bowl, sink) of lukewarm water. Have patient open and close eye.
- Eye may be irrigated in the shower if this can be accomplished without delay.
- Young children may be wrapped like a mummy in a towel with arms at side and held over sink or tub or laid on counter during flushing.

Skin:
Do not use nail polish remover on the face of children. Wash gently with soap and water. Apply lotion. Do not be aggressive removing polish.

**Ingestion:** Rinse mouth and drink a small amount of water or milk.

Do not induce vomiting. **If symptoms persist after the above first aid measures contact the Poison Control Centre.**

**How can I prevent exposure?** Return product to safe storage immediately after use. Never leave children alone with household products or cosmetics.

**Need More Information?** Call the Poison Control Centre.