Paint or stains on clothing or body, especially face and hands

Presence of chemical-soaked rags, plastic or paper bags, socks or clothing or latex balloons

Drunk, dazed, dizzy or drowsy appearance lacking explanations

Anxiety, excitability, irritability

Red or runny eyes or nose

Spots, sores or rash around the mouth or nose

Chemical breath odor

Nausea, loss of appetite, drooling

Unexplained abusable products hidden, nearby or in possession of suspected abuser (i.e. aerosol sprays or paint, lighters or refills, glues, solvents, propane, etc.)

**Special Considerations:**

Approaching a suspected abuser: Use extreme caution, trying not to frighten. Abusers, adult or youth, may be very excitable and given to impulsive or violent behavior. They may use unanticipated physical strength. Any fright may cause sudden heart failure. If unconscious, remove vapor source/bag, use CPR to stabilize.

Accident or death scene investigation: Suspect inhalants when unexplained intoxicated behavior is observed or death without obvious causes, i.e. no other “drugs” evident, no obvious wounds or weapons. Suspect inhalants when victim is found with a bag over head; traces of paint on mouth, nose or hands; or rash around mouth and/or nose. Check vicinity for abusable products and/or paraphernalia. Identify/note location then “bag” suspected products or product labels and paraphernalia for both analysis and cause of death determination by medical examiner, pathologist, toxicologist or coroner.