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#### InfoBytes #6



# Inhalant Abuse

Inhalant abuse, which is also known as volatile substance abuse, solvent abuse, sniffing, huffing and bagging, is the deliberate inhalation of a volatile substance to achieve an altered mental state.

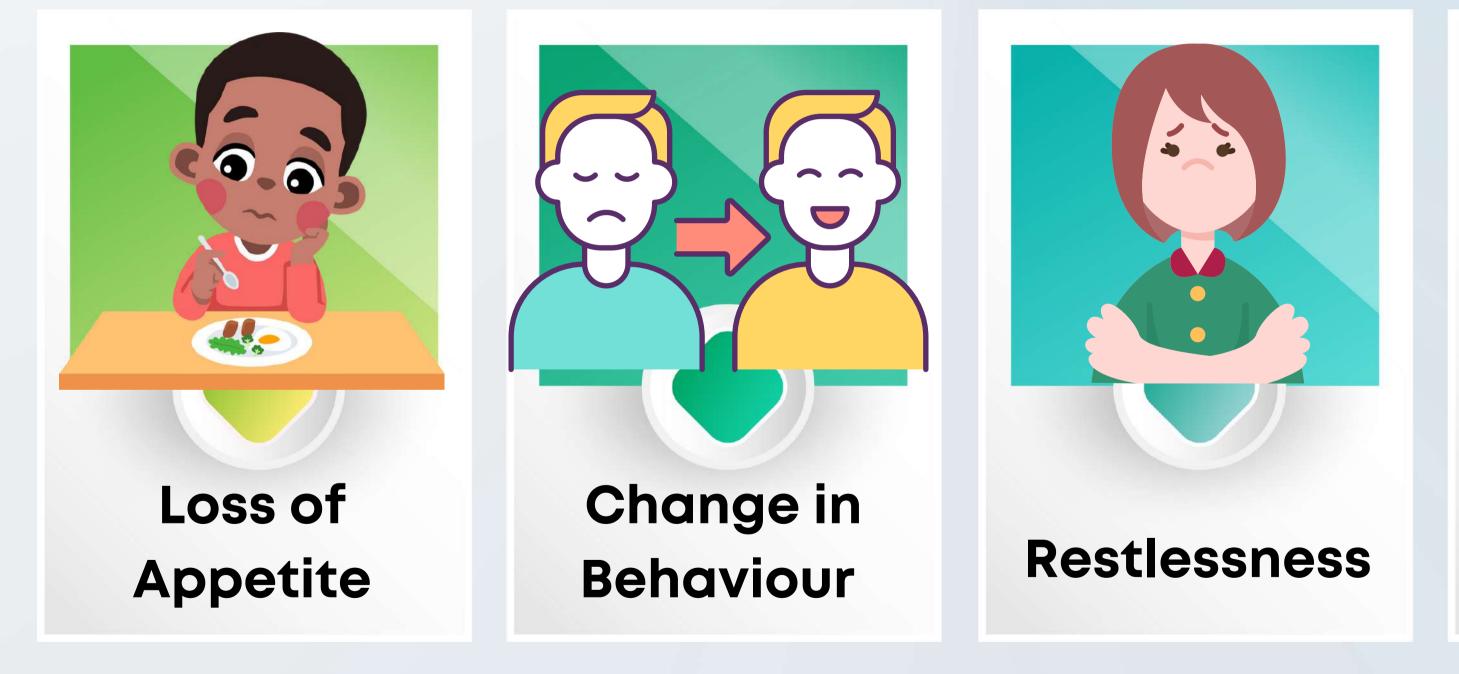
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Source: National Center for Biotechnology Information



# Signs of Inhalant Abuse



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# Skipping **School or Work**

Source: WebDM.com



# Short-Term Effects of Inhalant Abuse





# **Difficulty in Breathing**



Headache

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# Slurred Speech

Source: WebDM.com



# Long-Term Effects of Inhalant Abuse





### Seizures



# **Muscle Cramps**

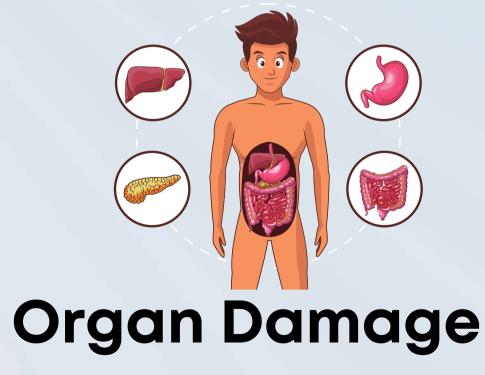
**Hearing Loss** 

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## **Brain Damage**



Source: WebDM.com



# Preventing Inhalant Abuse in Children

Keep dangerous inhalant products out of children's reach Educate children about inhalant abuse dangers and how to avoid them

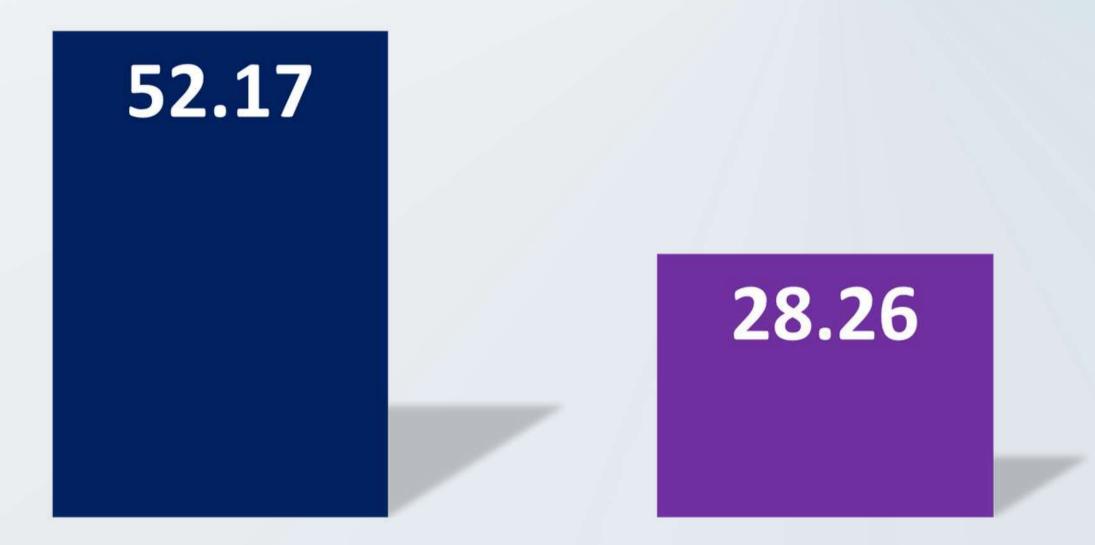
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Seek professional help if children show signs of inhalant abuse



# **Reported Reasons of Inhalant Abuse**



#### **To Cope with Stress**

#### To Become Mentally Strong To Cope with Hunger

Note: Data in Percentage of 52 street children in Nepal

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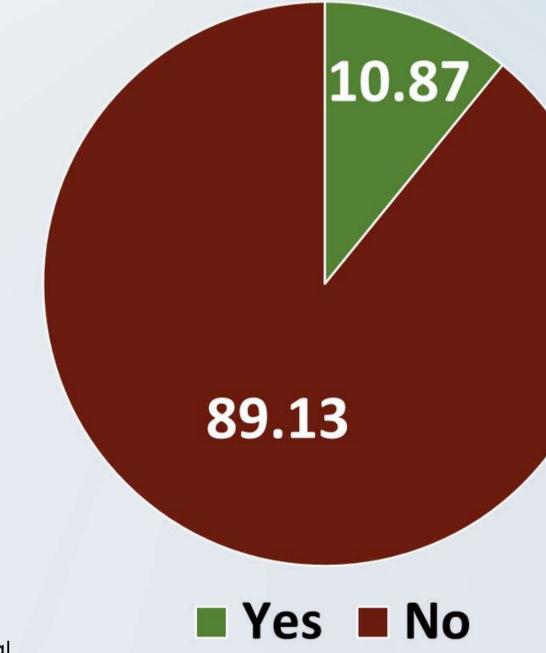




Source: Wiley Nursing Open



# Awareness among Street Children on Effects of Inhalant Abuse



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# "All the suffering, stress, and addiction comes from not realizing you already are what you are looking for. " – Jon Kabat-Zinn



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