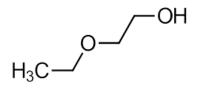
VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Ethylene Glycol Monoethyl Ether (2-Ethoxyethanol)

 $C_4H_{10}O_2$



Summary of Health Effects

2-Ethoxyethanol can cause harm to the reproductive system of animals, especially males.

How is 2-ethoxyethanol used?

2-Ethoxyethanol is used as a solvent and to produce other chemicals during industrial manufacturing practices.¹

Toxicity: What are its health effects?

2-Ethoxyethanol is listed as a reproductive hazard on California's Proposition 65 list.²

Reproductive effects have been reported in repeated dose toxicity studies on various species. Reproductive effects were observed more frequently in male mice than females.³

These effects have included reduction of testes weight, testicular atrophy, reduced sperm counts and motility, and abnormal sperm morphology.³

Exposure: How can a person come in contact with it?

A person can come in contact with 2-ethoxyethanol by breathing in contaminated air, drinking contaminated water, or from skin contact with consumer products containing 2-Ethoxyethanol.⁴

The 2014 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) report did not include data for 2-ethoxyethanol.

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