



# STRYCHNINE

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Shipping Name: Strychnine  
Other Names: Caswell No 805  
Certox  
Kwik-Kil

Mouse-Rid  
Ro-Dex



**WARNING!** • **POISON! BREATHING THE DUST OR SWALLOWING THE SOLID CAN KILL YOU!**  
• Firefighting gear (including SCBA) does not provide adequate protection. If exposure occurs, remove and isolate gear immediately and thoroughly decontaminate personnel

## Hazards:

- Container may explode when exposed to fire
- Combustion or decomposition products upon heating include toxic nitrogen oxides

## Awareness and Operational Level Training

### Response:

- Do not put yourself in danger by entering a contaminated area to rescue a victim
- Stay upwind
- Determine the extent of the problem
- Isolate the area of release or fire and deny entry
- For container exposed to fire evacuate the area in all directions because of the risk of explosion
- Evacuate or shelter in place the immediate area and downwind for a large release
- Notify local health and fire officials and pollution control agencies
- If contaminated runoff enters waterway, notify downstream users of potentially contaminated water

## Description:

- White to colorless solid
- No odor
- Sinks in water and is insoluble in water
- Flammable

## Operational Level Training Response:

### RELEASE, NO FIRE:

- Cover material to protect from wind, rain or spray
- Prevent contaminated runoff from entering sewers and waterways if it can be done safely well ahead of the release
- Ventilate confined area if it can be done without placing personnel at risk

### FIRE:

- Material does not easily burn; fight surrounding fire with an agent appropriate for the burning material
- Cool exposed containers with large quantities of water from unattended equipment or remove intact containers if it can be done safely
- If cooling streams are ineffective (unvented container distorts, bulges or shows any other signs of expanding), withdraw immediately to a secure location

## First Aid:

- Do not put yourself in danger by entering a contaminated area to rescue a victim
- Provide Basic Life Support/CPR as needed
- Decontaminate the victim as follows:
  - ◆ Inhalation - remove the victim to fresh air and give oxygen if available
  - ◆ Skin - remove and isolate contaminated clothing (including shoes) and wash skin with soap and large volumes of water for 15 minutes
  - ◆ Eye - rinse eyes with large volumes of water or saline for 15 minutes
  - ◆ Swallowed - do not make the victim vomit
- Seek medical attention
- Do NOT perform direct mouth to mouth resuscitation; use a bag/mask apparatus
- Toxic effects may be delayed

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