Cancer Death From Chemical Exposure?



A narcotics officer who died of cancer believed that exposure to the toxic products, solvents, and volatiles of the meth labs and drug factories he busted contributed to his death.

Thirty-seven-year-old Trent Halliday was a policeman for 11 years, including more than six years spent on the Major Crimes Taskforce in Provo, UT.

Halliday was diagnosed with liver cancer, and later suffered a stroke, remaining bedridden for three weeks until he died. In a related development, Eyewitness News in 2005 broke the story of more than 80 former Utah narcotics officers who suffered from a ravaging variety of illnesses.

You can't always be sure what you'll be exposed to at work. Some poisons will kill you in a heartbeat, while others will accumulate until you become ill or even claim your life.

So take no chances. Know what you're dealing with. Don't just take for granted that it's safe because someone told you so. Other workers could have the wrong information. Ask questions until you know what the dangers are, because what you don't know can not only hurt you – it can kill you.

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