

Aerosols

As a school we have often been concerned about the use of aerosol sprays in school because in some circumstances they can trigger an asthma attack. However, we have recently been reminded about additional dangers associated with using aerosols following a couple of separate, but worrying, incidents involving a small number of Key Stage 3 pupils.

- One young lady required treatment in hospital because she was burnt when an aerosol was sprayed near a naked flame whilst at home;
- Paramedics were called to treat a Year 8 boy who inhaled an aerosol deodorant spray.

Although this is virtually unheard of in school, this practice can be fatal and between 2000 and 2008 *huffing*, as it is known, killed more 10-15 year olds than all other illegal drug use combined. More information about the dangers of inhaling solvents and aerosol sprays can be obtained from

<http://www.talktofrank.com/drug/glues-gases-and-aerosols>.

As you will appreciate we want to ensure that pupils of Wadebridge School are protected from these dangers and do not become involved in any dangerous “trends”, so we would be grateful if you could support school by ensuring that students do not bring aerosol sprays into school.

Many thanks

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