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**ARSENIC:** used in rat poison

**ACETIC ACID:** hair dye and developer

**ACETONE:** main ingredient in paint and fingernail (polish) remover

**AMMONIA:** a typical household cleaner

**BENZENE:** rubber cement

**BUTANE:** lighter fluid

**CADMINUM:** found in batteries and artists’ oil paint

**CARBON MONOXIDE:** car exhaust fumes
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- **CARBON TETRACHLORIDE**: dry cleaning fluid
- **ETHANOL**: alcohol
- **FORMALDEHYDE**: used to embalm dead bodies
- **HYDRAZINE**: used in jet and rocket fuels
- **HEXAMINE**: barbecue lighter
- **HYDROGEN CYANIDE**: poison in gas chambers
- **LEAD**: batteries
- **METHANE**: swamp gas
- **METHANOL**: rocket fuel
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- **NAPTHALENES:** used in explosives, moth balls, and paint pigments
- **NICKLES:** used in the process of electroplating
- **PHENOL:** used in disinfectants and plastics
- **POLONIUM:** radiation dosage, equal to 300 chest x-rays in one year
- **STEARIC ACID:** candle wax
- **STYRENE:** found in insulation material
- **TAR:** road surface tar
- **TULUENE:** embalmers glue