

Minnesota Joint Analysis Center Advisory

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Situational Awareness: Chemical Suicide First Responder Safety Information

(U) Summary:

(U//FOUO) On Wednesday, 9 January, the Sturgeon Lake rest stop on Interstate 35 was closed due to a chemical suicide. A note on the car warned responders that "HAZMAT" was present. Emergency responders noted that the vehicle contained containers of common household items, that when combined, resulted in toxic gas and liquid. In this instance, hazardous liquid leaked from the vehicle onto the pavement, exposing several emergency responders who were treated and released after being exposed to the material.

(U//FOUO) Chemical suicide is national trend; Minnesota has had ten instances of chemical suicide reported in the last 18 months, with two reported deaths in the last two months. All seven incidents that occurred in vehicles resulted in death. Three other instances occurred in buildings and, of those, two resulted in death. Detailed information on chemical suicides recipes, ingredients, and methods can easily be obtained through an internet search.

(U//FOUO) Who to Call:

First responders are asked to call the Minnesota Duty Officer at (651) 649-5451 or (800) 422-0798 and resources will be dispatched to assist.

(U//FOUO) Warning signs:

- Subject appears unconscious and unresponsive
- Suicide note
- Tape over vents and windows
- Smell of rotten eggs
- Typically a posted warning to rescuers of present danger
- Bucket, pail, pot or cooler in the vehicle containing chemicals
- Empty containers of chemicals in or around the vehicle

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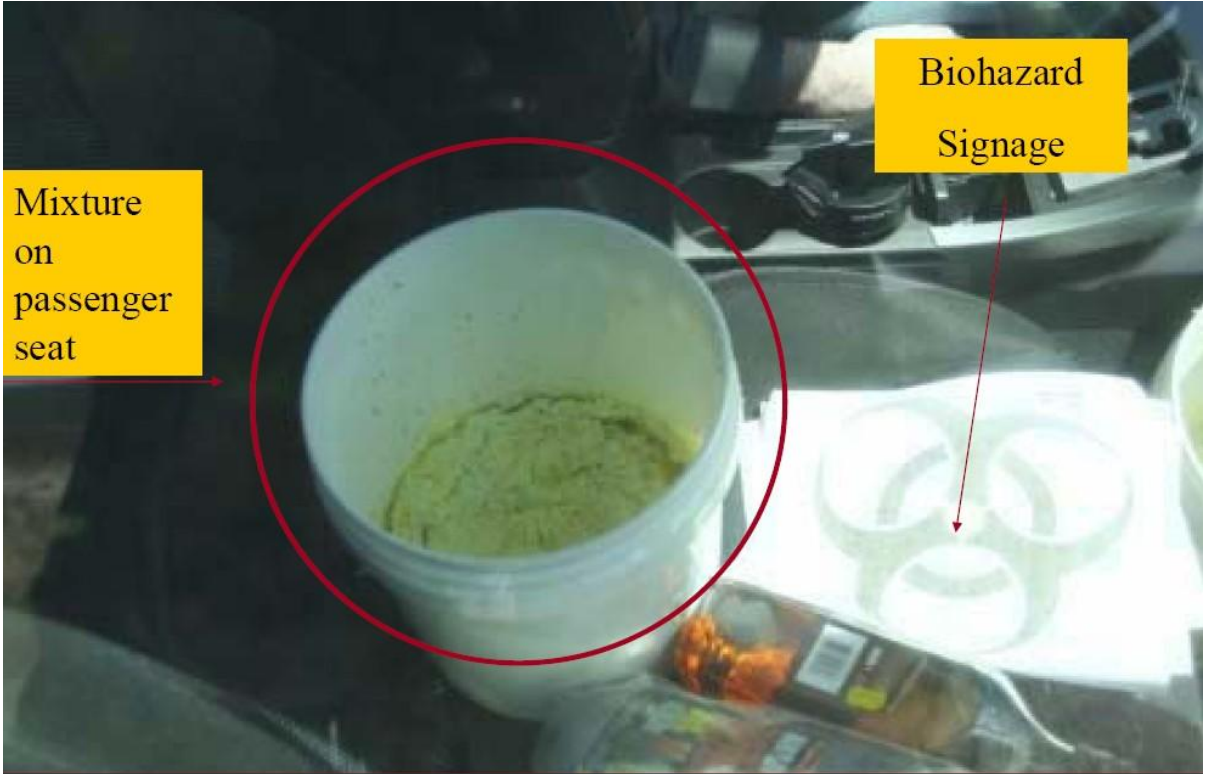
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Biohazard
Signage

Mixture
on
passenger
seat



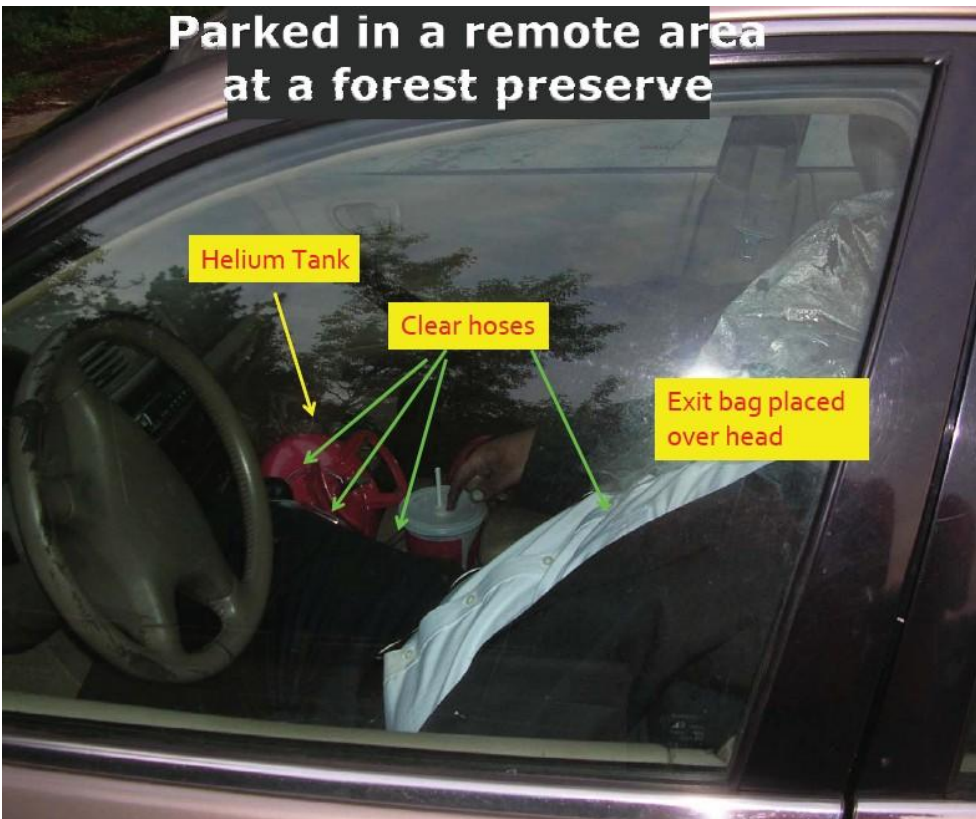
Be aware of the foul smell of sewer gas or rotten eggs as you approach

Parked in a remote area
at a forest preserve

Helium Tank

Clear hoses

Exit bag placed
over head



(U//FOUO) Typical chemicals used include:**Acid Sources**

- Muriatic acid
- Sulfuric acid
- Lysol disinfectant
- Lysol toilet bowl cleaner
- The Works toilet bowl cleaner
- Blu-lite Germicidal acid bowl cleaner
- Kaboom Shower, Tub and Tile Cleaner
- Tile and Stone cleaners

Sulfur Sources •Artist oil paints

- Dandruff shampoos
- Pesticides
- Spackling paste
- Latex Paints
- Garden fungicides
- Lime Sulfur
- Bonide

(U//FOUO) Resources for First Responders:

Please log onto icefishx, www.icefishx.org, and click the link to view the resource documents.
<https://icefishx.org/default.aspx?act=documents.aspx&DocumentCategoryID=283>

Chemical Suicides: Identification Guide for 911 Communications, Central Florida Intelligence Exchange, February 2011

Chemical Suicides Bulletin, Virginia Fusion Center, February 2012

Chemical Suicides in Automobiles – Six States 2006 – 2010, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, September 2011

Chemical Assisted Suicide: Responder Information, National Hazardous Materials Fusion Center

Hydrogen Sulfide Suicide, Regional Organized Crime Information Center

(U) Hydrogen Sulfide: A Potential First Responder Hazard, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, September 2008

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