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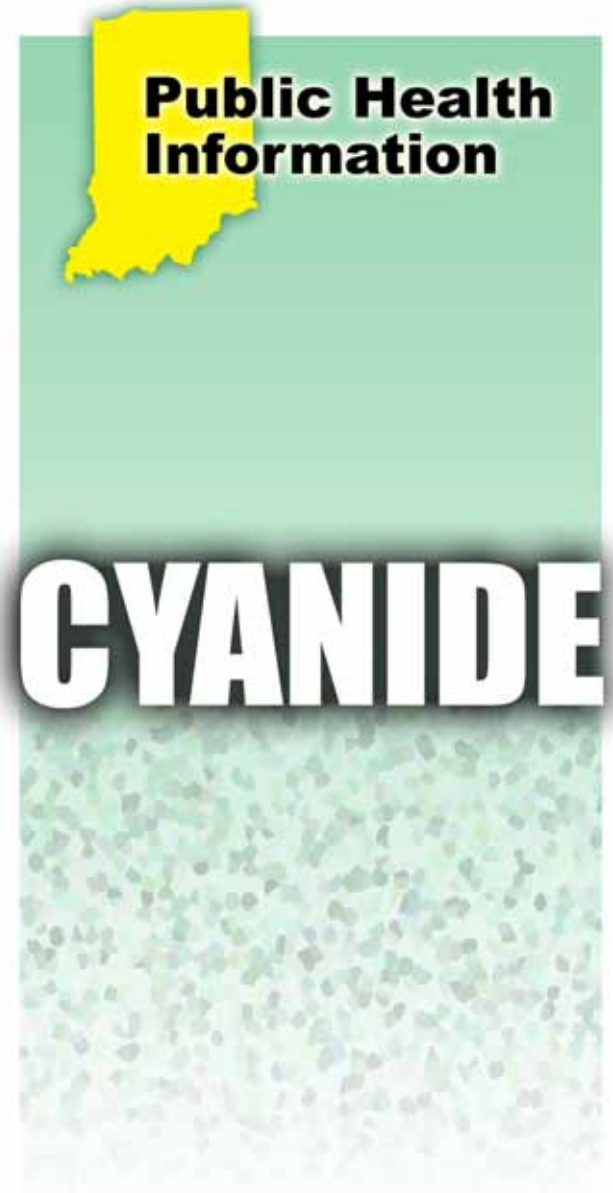
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- The Indiana State Department of Health,  
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- Indiana Poison Control Center, toll free  
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- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
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- Indiana State Department of Health  
<http://statehealth.in.gov/bioterrorism>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
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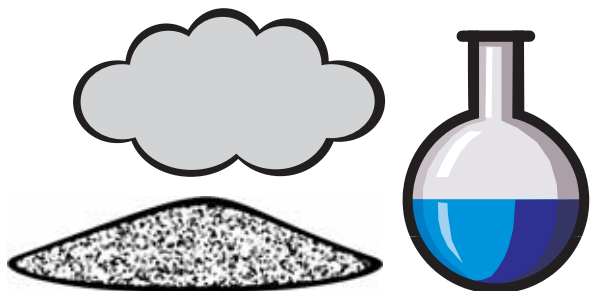
## Cyanide is a quick-acting poison



**It is in some minerals and plants, and is used in manufacturing**

- making paper and plastics;
- developing photographs;
- and others

**It can be gas, crystal, or liquid.**



- There are different forms such as
  - hydrogen cyanide;
  - cyanogen chloride;
  - sodium cyanide;
  - potassium cyanide.

**Cyanide has been used as a poison gas**

- in World War II;
- in the Iran-Iraq War.

## Cyanide prevents the body from getting oxygen

**People can be harmed if cyanide**

- is in the air they breath;
- is in the water they drink;
- is in the food they eat;
- gets on their skin.

**If a person gets small amounts, within minutes they may have**

- rapid breathing and heart rate;
- restlessness, dizziness, and weakness;
- headache, nausea, and vomiting.

**If exposed to a large amount, a person can**

- have convulsions;
- pass out;
- have a slow heart beat and low blood pressure;
- stop breathing.

## People can protect themselves and others

**If you are in a place where cyanide has been released**

- Indoors
  - go outdoors if possible
  - get near the floor if you cannot get outdoors
- Outdoors
  - move away from the area
- Call 911 for medical help

**If cyanide gets on someone**

- Rinse eyes with water for 10- 15 minutes.
- Remove clothing and seal it in a plastic bag.
- Wash skin with soap and water.
- Call 911 for medical help.

**If someone swallows cyanide**

- Don't make them vomit.
- Don't let them drink anything.
- Call 911 for medical help.

