

## HYDROFLUORIC ACID WARNING BY L & I AND CDC

As reported by the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries and noted by the International Car Wash Association's (ICA) newsletter, the Department is urging car and truck washes to use safer alternatives. The worker's compensation injury report showed nearly 50 workers in Washington were burned after coming in contact with Hydrofluoric acid. Of those, seven injured workers required hospitalization. The research is being published this week in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. For reference the information can be found at <http://www.lni.wa.gov/News/2015/pr150820a.asp>. In addition the ICA has compiled information from multiple sources at <http://carwash.org/for-operators/operate/chemical-handling-resources>.

Carolyn Whitaker, SHARP researcher said "Initially, when it touches the skin there may be little or no pain. That means workers are often unaware of the burn until later and typically delay getting treatment." The safety hazard alert states the chemical causes burns, permanent pain, paralysis, blindness, amputation and death citing a 2012 incident where a worker accidentally consumed a product containing HF and another worker sustained a

finger amputation after using gloves contaminated with Hydrofluoric acid. It can take up to 24 hours to feel severe pain when exposed lending itself to permanent damage. It also notes that ammonium bi-fluoride is not a safe alternative as commonly stated.

HPWS does not offer any car wash products that contain Hydrofluoric acid as there are no controls in place in automated situations. For example if a customer's window rolls down or cannot be rolled up the product could be sprayed inside the vehicle with potentially disastrous results. Wall cleaners and specialty products for non-automated cleaning situations have special warning documents attached for safe handling procedures by employees. This includes wearing rubber boots, thick neoprene gloves and a face shield. Car wash mitts, latex and leather gloves **DO NOT** offer protection. Equipment should be routinely rinsed inside and out and allowed to dry.

We do have safer alternatives in car wash chemistry that have proven to be a great replacement for Hydrofluoric acid. Contact us directly and we can help explore your options of providing a safer workplace while delivering a clean, dry and shiny car.

## DRUM RECYCLING

HPWS offers free drum recycling for products that we sell. If you are on one of our free delivery routes, we will be happy to pick up your 30 and 55 gallon drums, if the following requirements are met:

- 1) The drums must be rinsed out and empty.
- 2) The drums must have both bungs. If both bungs are not present, we can not take them.

These requirements help us meet the applicable environmental and DOT regulations.

## USED EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

Eco Express has done some upgrades and has some used equipment available for sale. There are two 500 gallon poly tanks, a *Hydrominder* dilution station with *Flojet* delivery system, and a presoak arch with K Nozzles. If you are interested, contact Rich at 303.322.2232.

## DELIVERY CHANGE

If your product is being delivered on our regular delivery routes all orders must be placed by 12:00 PM, two (2) days prior to delivery truck departure. ANY order received after that deadline will be delivered at a later date.

### Holiday Closure

HPWS will be closed Monday, September 7, 2015 for Labor Day.

## UPCOMING CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER

There are no classes scheduled in September at the HPWS facility. For information on upcoming classes contact *Cindi Reynolds* at 303.322.2232 or email her at [adminassistant@hpws.com](mailto:adminassistant@hpws.com). You can also find more information at [www.hpws.com/training.html](http://www.hpws.com/training.html).



## OTHER TRAINING COURSE AND EVENTS

### ICA "E3" WASH DIFFERENT WORKSHOP FOR OPERATORS

This workshop gives you the opportunity to network with other car wash operators, hear from top notch speakers, along with car wash tours. **Workshop Dates:** September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> **Location:** Nashville, TN. For more information on this workshop go to <http://www.carwash.org/e3-series/wash-different-workshop>.

### CWPMA CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW

The Colorado Wyoming Petroleum Marketers Association 2015 Conference and Trade show. **Conference Dates:** September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> **Location:** Breckenridge Colorado. For more information go to [www.cwpma.org](http://www.cwpma.org)

### SONNY'S CAR WASH COLLEGE MAINTENANCE COURSE

**Class Dates:** September 14<sup>th</sup> thru September 19<sup>th</sup> **Location:** SONNY'S Factory in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

### SONNY'S CAR WASH COLLEGE REPAIR COURSE

September 21<sup>st</sup> thru September 25<sup>th</sup> at the SONNY'S Factory in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Register for these SONNY'S classes at [www.sonnysdirect.com](http://www.sonnysdirect.com).

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Please remember that **ALL ORDERS** must be placed by **12:00 p.m. two (2) day prior to delivery truck departure.**