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Safety Tips for Industrial Paint Markers by [Lacasse Ryder](#)

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Industrial paint markers aren't the kind of pens you'd take to a child's kindergarten class for a drawing. These tools are used to mark metals, wood, glass, plastics and livestock for business purposes. When you need to mark a part number or dimension on a ceramic, metal or coated surface and your hands are gloved, oily or greasy, industrial paint pens are incredibly helpful. You can use them to create a permanent mark with ease. Some materials in industrial paint pens however, can be hazardous to your health. By putting a few commonsense tips into practice, you can protect your health and safety when you have to use industrial paint markers.

Read the MSDS Sheet - Every industrial paint marker should have an MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet) accompanying it. MSDS information tells you the use, manufacturer and most importantly, hazard information for the industrial markers you use. Look on the manufacturer's website for MSDS information and read it thoroughly to find out what health hazards are associated with the marker(s) you use or are thinking about purchasing. If the information isn't on the manufacturer's website do a general search by company or product name at siri.org to try to find the MSDS information.

Check the Ingredients - Read the list of ingredients for xylene, which is a hazardous chemical that can cause dizziness, headaches and nausea in larger quantities.

Consider Acrylic Feltip - Look for environmentally-friendly, acrylic feltip or valve action paint markers which are less likely to be toxic to your health. Feltip markers offer a lower level of performance than industrial paint markers because they are not resistant to solvents, abrasion and fading. However, feltip or valve action markers are much less likely to irritate your skin, eyes, nose or throat. Purchase feltip markers at nissenmarkers.com. Weigh your options, consider what matters most to you and purchase accordingly.

Open a Window - Adequate ventilation can significantly reduce the risks to your health caused by industrial paint markers. Use industrial paint markers outdoors in a well-ventilated area whenever possible. If you have to use them indoors or for an extended period of time, turn on a window exhaust fan and consider wearing a charcoal-based filter ventilation mask.

When to Call a Doctor - If you start feeling dizzy, light-headed, nauseated or ill after using an industrial paint marker, contact your doctor right away to make sure your health and safety is not in danger. If you don't have a primary physician or family doctor, you can find a board-certified doctor on njtopdocs.com

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