

Safety Bulletin

Missing Hazardous Substance - Talunex

Summary

- This Safety Bulletin is based on a non-company incident.
- On 1 July 2020 a stolen van was recovered in Blackley, Lancashire which originally contained the hazardous substance Talunex – commonly used for vermin control.
- However, the Talunex is still missing and the Greater Manchester Police have declared a major incident.
- Talunex poses a very real risk to public safety.
- There's a possibility of this being discarded or hidden on or near one of our sites.



What have we learnt?

- Talunex is highly toxic if swallowed and emits a toxic gas if it makes contact with water or acids.
- The substance is in the form of light grey capsules, the size of a garden pea, with a seam around the centre.
- The capsules were last known to be stored in a grey aluminium box.
- Dr Matt Pegorie, from PHE North West, said:

“We urge members of the public who think they have come into contact with the capsules and are experiencing ill effects to seek urgent medical attention. Possible symptoms include nausea, vomiting, chest pain, stomach pain, and difficulty in breathing.”

Actions you need to take

Please be alert to this substance and if found:

- Do not touch, sniff, eat or allow contact with water. If contact with Talunex is made, seek medical help immediately.
- Talunex must not be flushed down a toilet or plughole.
- Call 999 quoting log 943 of 01/07/20.
- The independent charity Crimestoppers can also be contacted anonymously on 0800 555 111 with any relevant information.
- [Greater Manchester Police Website](#)