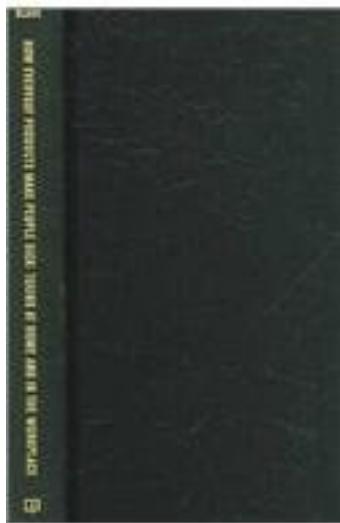


# How Everyday Products Make People Sick



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This book reveals the hidden health dangers in many of the seemingly innocent products we encounter every day - a tube of glue in a kitchen drawer, a bottle of bleach in the laundry room, a rayon scarf on a closet shelf, a brass knob on the front door, a wood plank on an outdoor deck. A compelling exposé, written by a physician with extensive experience in public health and illustrated with disturbing case histories, "How Everyday Products Make People Sick" is a rich and meticulously documented account of injury and illness across different time periods, places, and technologies. It presents a picture not of one exceptional or corrupt industry but rather of how run-of-the-mill manufacturing processes and consumer marketing expose workers and the general public alike to toxic hazards. More troubling still, even when such hazards are recognized, calls for their control are routinely ignored. Written for a wide audience, it offers a critical and disquieting perspective on the relationship between industrial development and its adverse health consequences. Among the surprisingly common hazards discussed in "How Everyday Products Make People Sick" are: glue and rubber;

cement; chlorine bleach; rayon and other synthetic textiles; welding and other metal fumes; wood preservatives; and, gasoline additives.

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