

# HORSLEY NEWS

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## Horsley Bill “Huffs” Back at Epidemic

*Legislature Unanimously Passes Bill to Ban Sale of Keyboard Duster to Minors*

**Hauppauge, NY** – “Huffing”, the deliberate inhalation of chemical vapors to get “high”, has skyrocketed in popularity amongst teenagers of the last decade. A main reason for this jump is the cheap accessible products, like keyboard dusters, that produce this altered state of mind. Due to this alarming increase in use County Legislator Wayne Horsley is proud his colleagues in the Legislature passed his legislation to restrict the sale of keyboard dusting cans, known as “canned air”, to minors.

Horsley states “This is an excellent first step in the fight against inhalant abuse. The easy access and affordability of these keyboard dusters make them prime targets for a teen’s first high. Most of them not knowing that one use can result in their death.” Horsley continues “Hopefully this legislation will stem the tide of inhalant abuse among our teens, and begin a more serious discussion about the dangers of inhalants which will help cut down the loss of lives to this addictive substance.”

Teens, in particular, inhale the contents of keyboard dusters for a “quick safe high”. However, the term “canned air” is misleading and dangerous. “Canned air” contains gases that cause the high; these gases can result in death from a single use. Inhalant abuse is addictive and can lead to irreversible liver, kidney, heart, and brain damage. All these dangers prove that there is no such thing as a “quick safe high”.

According to the Department of Justice by the time teens reach the 8<sup>th</sup> grade 1 in 5 has used inhalants at least once. Inhalants are the fourth most abused drug for teens 12-17, behind only alcohol, cigarettes, and marijuana.

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