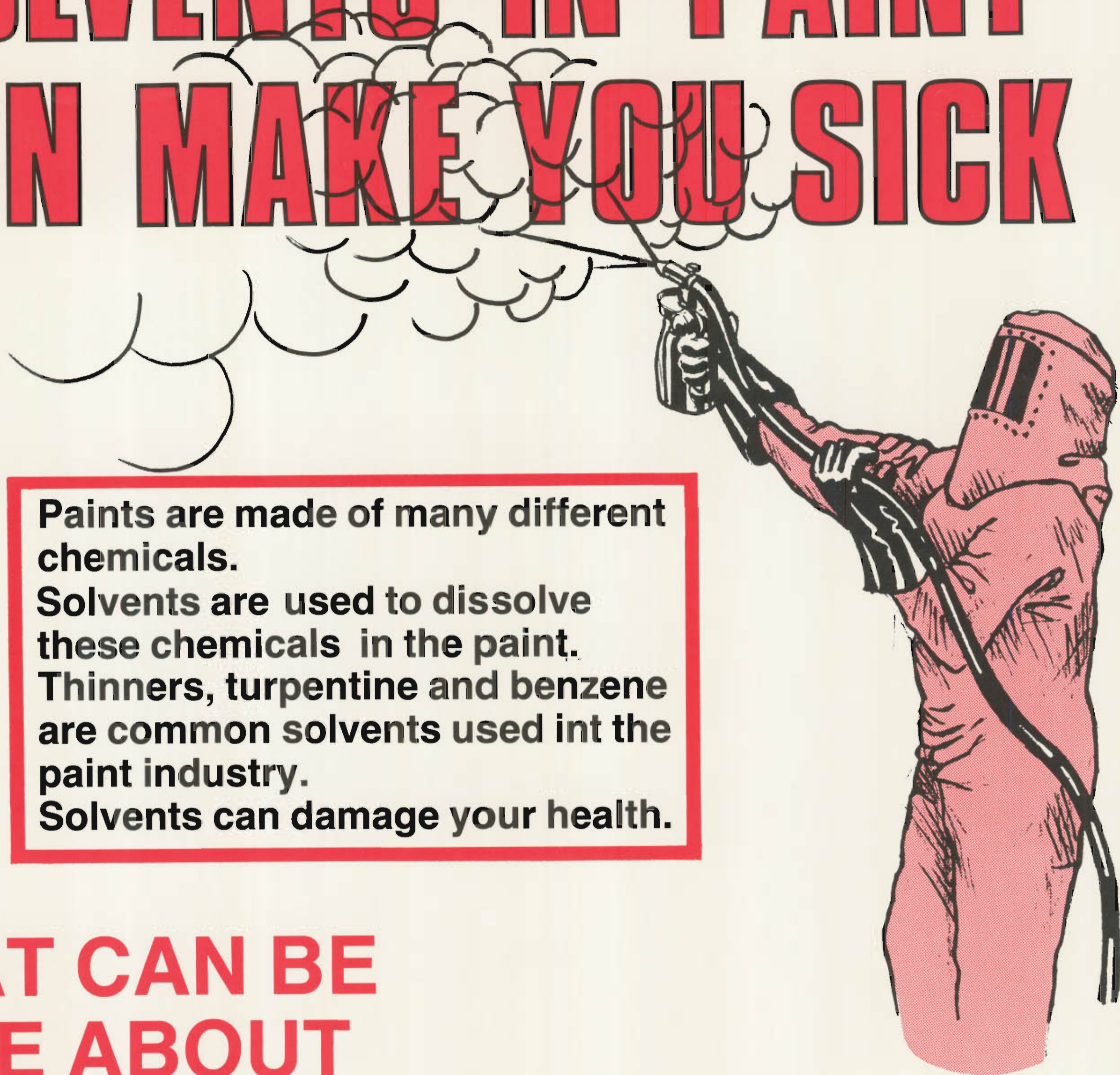


SOLVENTS IN PAINT CAN MAKE YOU SICK



Paints are made of many different chemicals.
Solvents are used to dissolve these chemicals in the paint.
Thinners, turpentine and benzene are common solvents used in the paint industry.
Solvents can damage your health.

WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT DANGEROUS SOLVENTS?

First find out what solvents are in the paint, by:

- looking at the label or
- asking management

**WORKERS HAVE THE RIGHT
TO KNOW WHAT THEY ARE
WORKING WITH**

YOU CAN DEMAND:

- extraction fans to suck out the dangerous fumes
- that dangerous solvents are changed for less dangerous ones
- that the workplace design is improved so that not all workers are exposed to dangerous solvents
- separate washing and eating facilities
- proper medical tests
- correct protective clothing.

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