

# BEING SAFE AROUND ANHYDROUS AMMONIA

Exposure to anhydrous ammonia can cause blindness, lung damage, burns or death. If you or your workers are exposed to it, immediately flush the exposed body area(s) with water for at least 15 minutes. Seek medical attention once emergency first aid treatment has been administered. The following step-by-step procedure is one, nonspecific, version of a procedure that can be followed when using anhydrous ammonia:

## **THIS LIST IS A SAMPLE ONLY!**

- Be aware of weather warnings on your local radio station.
- In extreme cold, have every vehicle in use equipped with an emergency supply of water, food, blankets, and other emergency supplies.
- Heat exhaustion is possible at even relatively normal summer temperatures. Wear adequate clothing to protect the head and body from direct sun exposure.
- During the heat, increase fluid intake to prevent dehydration.
- Do not gamble with lightning. Take cover before it strikes around you.
- Be aware that precipitation increases the chance of equipment slipping or rolling over on slopes and hills.



**Important:** Always precisely follow directions on chemical labels and remember that all pesticides should only be used by licensed applicators. For more information, contact the Montana Department of Agriculture at (406) 444-3144.