

# Why Is It Important to Use Environmentally Preferable Products?

- A single janitorial worker uses, on average, between 194–234 lbs. of chemicals annually, approximately 25% of which are hazardous substances
- Janitorial workers experience one of the highest rates of occupational asthma
- 6 out of 100 janitors are injured each year
  - 20% are serious burns to the eyes or skin
  - 12% are a result of chemical fumes



# Children and Toxins

- Children are at greater risk than adults when exposed to toxins because
  - They are exposed at higher levels
    - Eat more food, breathe more air, drink more water
    - Play closer to the ground, hand-to-mouth activity
  - They metabolize and eliminate toxins more slowly than adults
  - Their rapidly developing systems are more sensitive