

Homemade Gas for Suicides: On the Rise?

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Authorities have confirmed that hydrogen sulfide was found in a vehicle with a body inside along interstate 29 in northeastern South Dakota yesterday.

The discovery of the vehicle and body prompted officials to shut down an 11-mile stretch of the interstate for hours and call in hazardous materials experts.

Some of those experts got sick from the gas and were taken to the hospital.

Jim Sideras with Sioux Falls Fire Rescue says if the use of "homemade gas" for suicides increases, it could lead to changes in the way rescuers are trained.

"If this continues to become the trend across the country, if responders come across someone in a car, instead of opening it, they'll probably take a look and see does there appear to be any chemicals, or bags that could contain chemicals," said Jim Sideras from Sioux Falls Fire Rescue.

The Roberts County Sheriff's Department is investigating the case as a possible suicide.

Sideras says there have so far been a handful of cases where this chemical has been used for suicides in several other states.

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