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Acid theft raises security concerns

The theft of a deadly chemical cocktail that has put emergency services on alert across Auckland could force a security re-think for the company that stores them.

Six containers of hydrofluoric acid went missing from Henkel New Zealand's warehouse at the weekend.

One drum was later found dumped in a car yard.

Henkel says the acid was properly kept, but it is now reviewing storage.

"We certainly will be looking to step up the kind of security procedures that we already had to a new level, and maybe it's a point of warning to other chemical manufacturers," says Andrew Copeland of Henkel.

Police believe the thieves may have taken the acid wrongly believing it could be used to make street drugs.

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