

## Controversies: Asahi Kasei

- In October of 2020, there was a [big fire at a semiconductor fabrication plant](#) of Asahi Kasei Microsystem at Nobeoka, Miyazaki. There were no deaths, but [the cause of the fire still remains unknown](#) and it is uncertain whether the plant can resume operations. During the fire, an [irritating odour of hydrogen chloride](#) was observed. After the fire, dioxin was detected, and there was fluoride in the water on the floor, left by the fire engines.
- In June of 2020, [an employee died due to explosion](#) at a plant manufacturing lithium-ion batteries in Moriyama, Shiga. [The cause was methyl ethyl ketone](#), which contaminated and ignited. As a result, [two superintendents were prosecuted](#).
- In September 2019, [a minor fire occurred](#) in a plant of its subsidiary Asahi Kasei Medical. The plant was manufacturing artificial kidney filters. When the fire broke out, dismantling of the distillation column was taking place. Part of the column was burned as a result.
- In August of 2019, [high temperature chemical gas was leaked](#) from a plant "Asahi Kasei FineChem" in Nobeoka, Miyazaki. Two employees got mild burns.
- In January of 2019, [arsenic and lead levels exceeding the environmental criteria were detected](#) in the groundwater of an old artificial silk (rayon) factory of Asahi Kasei at Nobeoka, Miyazaki. No health problems were reported.
- In October of 2015, a big scandal occurred when a condominium building in Yokohama built by subsidiary Asahi Kasei Kenzai [literally leaned](#). Organizational [data falsification was discovered](#) – along with a few hundred similar cases nationwide – leading to the president of Asahi Kasei (main body) resigning to take responsibilities.
- In January 2012, [a worker was drawn into a suction device](#) at an Asahi Kasei Construction Materials Corporation factory in Ibaraki and died.