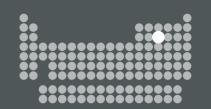
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## **PHOSPHORUS**



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**MATCHBOXES** 

## **LIGHT BEARER**



Red phosphorus is found on the striking surface of safety match boxes which ignites matches when struck.



White phosphorus glows when exposed to oxygen - its name is derived from the greek for 'light-bearer'.





DNA

Phosphorus is essential for

life, and it forms part of the

sugar-phosphate backbone

of DNA and RNA.