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Discovered in 1669



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Everyday we store  
about 750 grams  
of phosphorus in  
our bodies



The name is  
derived from the  
Greek 'phosphoros',  
meaning bringer of  
light

Red Phosphorus is found on the side of any box of safety matches. The friction of the match against the red phosphorous transforms a little bit of it into white phosphorus, providing the ignition needed to light the match