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**Trialkylsilyl nitrile is prepared by anhydrously reacting stoichiometric amounts of trialkylsilyl halide, hexaalkyldisilazane or trialkylsilyl amine, and hydrogen cyanide, in the absence or presence of a solvent or inert gas atmosphere. No catalyst is necessary, and the reaction preferably is performed at a temperature of from 5° C. to 25° C.**