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CALIFORNIA PROP 65 - RECENT SETTLEMENTS

Proposition 65 (Prop 65) is the 'Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986', a ballot initiative passed overwhelmingly by California residents in 1986. Since its enactment, there have been numerous lawsuits which resulted in the reduction of carcinogenic and reproductive chemicals through reformulations of consumer products containing such chemicals.¹

Over the years, Prop 65 has concluded consent agreements in a number of consumer products such as bibs, bicycles, brass-containing products, cookware, cosmetics, exercise mats, ceramicware and glassware, clothing, faux leather furniture, headphone cables, jewellery, lunchboxes, luggage and accessories, poker chips and personal carrying products.²

Since the beginning of 2013, a number of Prop 65 settlements have been reached for a variety of products, including but not limited to laundry detergents, adhesive plastic bandage, magnet, steering wheel cover, sunglasses, guest book holders, coffee filter separators, corn cutters, disposable razors and garden tools. Highlights of these settlements are summarised in Table 1.



¹ [Proposition 65](#)

² [SafeguardS 100/12](#) and [SafeguardS 168/11](#)

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TABLE 1.

ITEM	SUBSTANCE	PRODUCT	REFORMULATION
1	DEHP	Adhesive plastic bandage	< 1000 ppm
2	DEHP	Magnet	≤ 1000 ppm
3	DEHP	Steering wheel cover	≤ 1000 ppm
4	DEHP	Sunglasses	≤ 1000 ppm
5	DEHP	Vinyl/PVC guest check holders	≤ 1000 ppm
6	DEHP Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clamp-on lighting • Hand tool with grips • PVC/vinyl rainwear 	<p>Clamp-on lighting < 1000 ppm DEHP < 100 ppm Lead < 1.0 µg Lead (NIOSH 9100)</p> <p>Hand tool with grips < 1000 ppm DEHP < 100 ppm Lead < 1.0 µg Lead (NIOSH 9100)</p> <p>PVC/vinyl rainwear Warning required WARNING: This product contains one or more chemicals known to the State of California to cause birth defects and other</p>
7	DEHP Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee filter separators • Corn cutters • Tongs 	<p>< 100 ppm DEHP < 100 ppm Lead</p>
8	DEHP Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erasers • Pens with vinyl/PVC charm toppers • Vinyl/PVC clipboards 	<p>Erasers & Pen with vinyl/PVC charm toppers ≤ 1000 ppm DEHP</p> <p>Vinyl/PVC clipboards ≤ 1000 ppm DEHP < 100 ppm Lead ≤ 1.0 µg Lead (NIOSH 9100)</p>
9	DEHP Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoe horns • Tie-out cables • Leather laces 	<p>Shoe horns and Tie-out cables ≤ 1000 ppm DEHP</p> <p>Leather laces < 100 ppm Lead < 1.0 µg Lead (NIOSH 9100)</p>

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ITEM	SUBSTANCE	PRODUCT	REFORMULATION
10	1,4-Dioxane	Laundry detergents	≤ 25 ppm
11	Lead	Coffee cups with exterior decorations	Exterior decoration excluding lip and rim ≤ 90 ppm ≤ 1.0 µg (NIOSH 9100) Exterior decoration in lip and rim area ≤ 0.005 µg/mL
12	Lead	Disposable razors	< 100 ppm
13	Lead	Gauges with brass components	≤ 100 ppm ≤ 1.0 µg (NIOSH 9100)
14	Lead	Grill gas gauge and other grilling accessories	≤ 300 ppm
15	Lead Phthalate	Storage furniture, including but not limited to storage benches, boxes, trunks, totes and trays	≤ 100 ppm Lead ≤ 1,000 ppm each of DEHP, DBP and BBP
16	Lead Phthalate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garden tools Hand tools Kitchen Utensils 	≤ 100 ppm Lead ≤ 1000 ppm each of DEHP, BBP and DBP
17	Phthalate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vinyl bath mats, Vinyl shower curtains or liners, includes packaging for above 	≤ 1000 ppm each of DEHP and DBP
18	Progesterone	Consumer creams, gels or lotion products	Warning required WARNING: This product contains Progesterone, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

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