



NO MORE TOXIC TOYS

Support Strong Toxic Toy Rules!

Remember the fall of 2007 when Thomas, Elmo and Dora were personae non grata in toy boxes because they contained harmful levels of lead? Over 20 million toys were recalled that fall because they contained unsafe levels of lead. Both Washington state and Congress responded, placing limits on the amount of lead and the chemicals group phthalates that could be used in toys.

Just the Tip of the Toxic Iceberg

Yet, the problem goes beyond just those two chemicals. Shortly after the recalls, research started uncovering other harmful chemicals in products kids use every day. There's reproductive toxicant bisphenol A in food cans and cancer-causing formaldehyde in blankets, as well as cadmium in jewelry.

Parents and government regulators were left wondering: what other chemicals might be hiding in the toys and other products children use? Unfortunately, finding that information is difficult to impossible because manufacturers aren't required to disclose the chemicals in their products.

A Common Sense Solution

The Department of Ecology is on a path to change that. They're writing new rules this fall to require children's product manufacturers to tell parents and regulators what chemicals they use in their products. These new rules will make sure parents and regulators have the information they need to make good decisions about what products contain harmful chemicals.

Strong rules will help parents and government officials by:

- Prioritizing over 50 of the most harmful chemicals for action first.
- Requiring manufacturers to reveal whether harmful chemicals are in their products and in what quantities.
- Ensure wide and easy access to the information by the public.

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