

Healthy Legacy

Healthy people,
a clean environment
and a thriving economy

Toxic chemicals pose a threat to public health

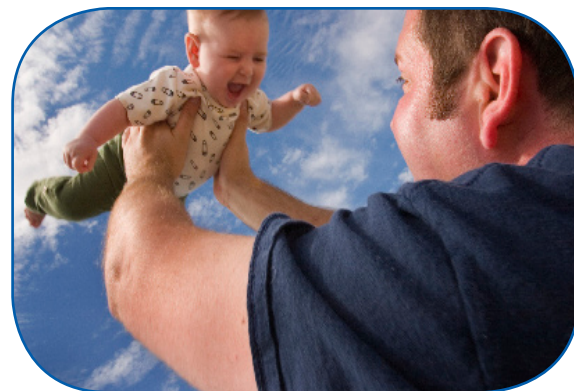
Minnesotans are involuntarily exposed to toxic chemicals in everyday consumer products, including toys, baby bottles, plastics, cosmetics and food. Many of these toxic substances accumulate in our bodies, and pose a significant threat to those most vulnerable among us: our children. Workers, indigenous people, and low-income and communities of color are all disproportionately impacted by toxic chemicals.

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The U.S. regulatory system fails to protect us.
Of more than 80,000 chemicals on the market, the
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has required
testing on fewer than 200 chemicals for their toxicity.
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Science indicates that low-dose exposure to these chemicals is linked to adverse health effects like cancer, hormone disruption, and developmental and neurological damage. Currently, the majority of consumer products aren't tested or regulated, resulting in our involuntary exposure to toxic chemicals that pose a threat to our health and environment.

Policy matters!

As a consumer, you shouldn't have to do a research project to find safe products for your family. The products should be safe and tested long before they hit the shelves. A quick phone call to your elected officials can make all the difference in assuring that our products are safe!



Healthy Legacy promotes the production
and use of everyday products without toxic chemicals.

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There are solutions

Safe products exist and are on the market today. Many companies, such as Dell, Kaiser Permanente and Interface Fabrics, are showing leadership by using safer substitutes for toxic chemicals, and are seeing improvements in productivity—all while strengthening their bottom line.

Minnesota has an opportunity to become a leader in the production of safe consumer goods and “green chemistry,” a field that finds safer substitutes for toxic chemicals.

You have power as a consumer

By purchasing non-toxic products whenever possible, you help create market demand for safe products. See our Web site for easy tips.

Take Action!

Contact us for fun and quick action items! Healthy Legacy recently played an integral role in federal legislation to ban phthalates, a class of toxic chemicals commonly used in children’s toys!

Our Web site has a list of resources ranging from recipes for safe cleaning products and up-to-date news stories to safe product guides, policy priorities, and more! www.healthylegacy.org

Become a Partner

Our diverse coalition of over 29 organizations and individuals is leading the way to a toxic-free Minnesota. Be a part of the solution!

Consumer Education

Healthy Legacy educates and empowers people to protect themselves and their families by supporting healthy businesses and practices.

Business Leadership

Healthy Legacy encourages businesses to develop and use safe substitutes for toxic chemicals. Investing in clean technologies creates new jobs, profitable new markets for farmers and industry, and increases worker safety.

Protective Policies

Healthy Legacy promotes phasing out the most toxic chemicals that persist and build up in our bodies and the environment. We support a comprehensive, precautionary approach to regulating toxic chemicals with an emphasis on safe substitutes.

Contact us for more information and join us on the path to a better future!

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