



Vinyl Acetate

Why am I being warned about potential exposure to vinyl acetate?



- Vinyl acetate is on the [Proposition 65](#) list for cancer.
- California's Proposition 65 requires [businesses](#) to determine if they must provide a warning about exposures to [listed chemicals](#).

What is vinyl acetate?

- Vinyl acetate is a chemical primarily used to make other chemicals such as polyvinyl acetate, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinyl acetals, ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymers and polyvinyl chloride-acetate copolymers.
- These other chemicals are used to make a wide variety of industrial and consumer products, including adhesives and glues, heat sealing films, paper coatings, textile and leather finishings, plastics, resins, paints, lacquers, inks, pesticides, and cosmetics.

How does exposure to vinyl acetate occur?

- Vinyl acetate may be released into indoor air from some glues, adhesives and building materials.
- Vinyl acetate is released into the air from some industrial facilities.
- Vinyl acetate is found in [tobacco smoke](#).
- During pregnancy, vinyl acetate can pass from mother to baby.

Main way you can be exposed to vinyl acetate:



How can I reduce my potential exposure to vinyl acetate?

- ⊗ Do not smoke tobacco. Avoid breathing air that contains tobacco smoke.
- ⊗ Do not allow children to smoke tobacco products or spend time in places where tobacco is being smoked or has been smoked.
- ✓ Work in a well-ventilated area when using:
 - ▶ Glues and adhesives.
 - ▶ Paints, lacquers, and inks.

For more information:**General Fact Sheets and Resources**

- California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA)
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)
 - ▶ Proposition 65 – Information Letter.
Exposures to Vinyl Acetate from Consumer Products
<https://oehha.ca.gov/sites/default/files/media/2025-12/vinylacetateletter122325.pdf>
- US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
 - ▶ Vinyl Acetate ToxGuide™
<https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxguides/toxguide-59.pdf>

Scientific Information on Vinyl Acetate

- California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA)
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)
 - ▶ The Evidence on the Carcinogenicity of Vinyl Acetate
<https://oehha.ca.gov/sites/default/files/media/downloads/crn/vinylacetatehid100424.pdf>
- World Health Organization (WHO)
International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)
 - ▶ IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans. Volume 63 (1995). “Vinyl acetate” in Dry Cleaning, Some Chlorinated Solvents and Other Industrial Chemicals, pages. 443-465.
<https://publications.iarc.who.int/Book-And-Report-Series/Iarc-Monographs-On-The-Identification-Of-Carcinogenic-Hazards-To-Humans/Dry-Cleaning-Some-Chlorinated-Solvents-And-Other-Industrial-Chemicals-1995>

Proposition 65

- California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA)
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)
 - ▶ Proposition 65: Background
<https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/faq>
 - ▶ Proposition 65: The List of Chemicals
<https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/chemicals>
 - ▶ Proposition 65: Fact Sheets
<https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/fact-sheets>