



# Chloroprene

## Why is chloroprene on the Proposition 65 list?



- Chloroprene is on the [Proposition 65](#) list because it can cause cancer. Exposure to chloroprene may increase the risk of cancer.
- Proposition 65 requires businesses to determine if they must provide a warning about significant exposure to [listed chemicals](#).

## What is chloroprene?

- Chloroprene is a chemical used to make a synthetic rubber commonly known as neoprene.
- Neoprene is used in a wide variety of consumer goods, including footwear, gloves, athletic gear, bags, bandages, and fabrics. It is also used in adhesives, caulks, wire and cable coatings, and other goods used in construction, vehicles, and machinery.

## Do neoprene consumer products expose you to chloroprene?

- Using neoprene products is unlikely to cause exposure to chloroprene. Levels of chloroprene in most neoprene products are very low.

## For more information:

### Scientific Information

- US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA)
  - ▶ Chloroprene  
[https://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/iris\\_drafts/recordisplay.cfm?deid=339504](https://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/iris_drafts/recordisplay.cfm?deid=339504)
- Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)  
National Toxicology Program (NTP)
  - ▶ Chloroprene. Report on Carcinogens, Fourteenth Edition  
<https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/ntp/roc/content/profiles/chloroprene.pdf>
- World Health Organization (WHO)  
International Association for Research on Cancer (IARC)
  - ▶ “Chloroprene” section in Re-evaluation of Some Organic Chemicals, Hydrazine and Hydrogen Peroxide (1999), vol. 71, pages 227-250.  
<https://publications.iarc.fr/89>

### 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>