

## Holiday Lights

### Why am I being warned about potential exposure to chemicals in holiday lights?



- Some holiday lights may contain chemicals that are on the [Proposition 65](#) list because they can cause cancer and/or birth defects or other reproductive harm.
- Proposition 65 requires businesses to determine if they must provide a warning about significant exposure to [listed chemicals](#).

**Some holiday lights** may expose you to chemicals on the Proposition 65 list.



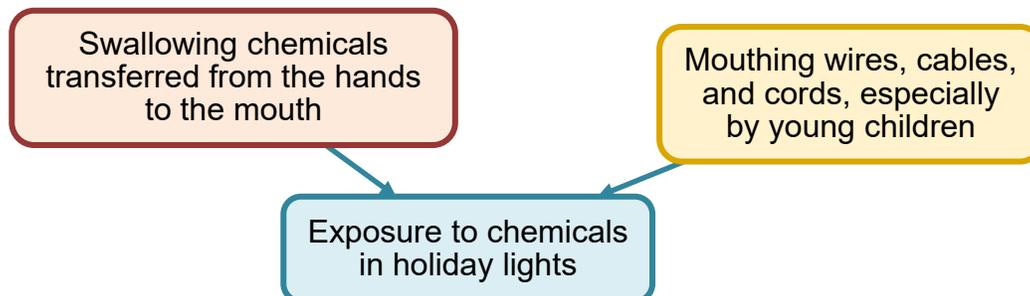
### HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Specifically, some holiday lights that contain polyvinyl chloride (PVC) coating on their wires, cables, and cords can expose you to one or more of the following listed chemicals:

- [Lead](#), a metal used in some PVC coatings of wires, cables, and cords to make them more durable.
- [Phthalates](#), a family of chemicals that are added to some PVC coatings of wires, cables, and cords to make them more flexible and durable.

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### How does exposure to these Proposition 65 chemicals occur from holiday lights?



- During pregnancy, these chemicals can pass from mother to baby.

### How can I reduce my exposure to these chemicals in holiday lights?

- ✓ After setting up or removing holiday lights, wash your hands and your child's hands, especially before preparing food, and before eating.
- ✓ Make sure young children do not play with holiday lights or put them in their mouths.
- ✓ Try to choose holiday lights that are labeled "lead-free."



#### For more information:

##### General Fact Sheets and Resources

- California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA)  
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)
  - ▶ Lead and Lead Compounds  
<https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/fact-sheets/lead-and-lead-compounds>
  - ▶ Phthalates  
<https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov/fact-sheets/phthalates>
  - ▶ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry (ATSDR)  
Public Health Statement for Lead  
<https://wwwn.cdc.gov/TSP/PHS/PHS.aspx?phsid=92&toxid=22>

##### 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>