



Motor Vehicle Parts For Passenger and Off-Highway Vehicles

Why am I being warned about potential exposure to chemicals in motor vehicle parts?



- Some chemicals in motor vehicle parts are on the [Proposition 65](#) list for cancer or [reproductive toxicity](#).
- California's Proposition 65 requires [businesses](#) to warn people before exposing them to a significant amount of a [chemical](#) listed under Proposition 65 for cancer or reproductive toxicity.

Some **motor vehicle parts** can expose you to chemicals on the Proposition 65 list. These include some parts used in cars, SUVs, vans, pickup trucks, motorcycles, and all-terrain and other off-highway vehicles.

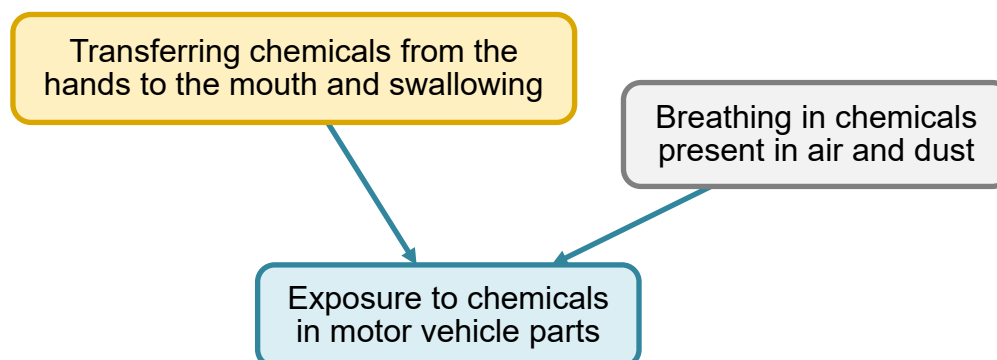
Not all vehicle parts will expose you to chemicals on the Proposition 65 list.

This fact sheet focuses on exposures to listed chemicals that can occur when you handle motor vehicle parts. To learn about exposures from motor vehicle use, see our fact sheet on [vehicles](#).

Chemicals associated with common motor vehicle parts include:

- [Lead](#), which is used in lead-acid batteries, and in some metal and other parts.
- [Phthalates](#), a group of chemicals that make plastic flexible. Some phthalates may be present in cable and wire coverings, floor mats, and other parts.

How does exposure to chemicals on the Proposition 65 list occur when handling motor vehicle parts?



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

How can I reduce my exposure to chemicals on the Proposition 65 list when handling motor vehicle parts?

- ✓ When purchasing a motor vehicle part, follow the manufacturer's instructions for safe handling and use. Contact the manufacturer if you have questions about a Proposition 65 warning for a specific part.
- ✓ If your brakes need to be serviced, and you suspect that they may contain [asbestos](#), take your vehicle to a professional mechanic.
- ✓ When working on your vehicle and handling motor parts:
 - ▶ Work in a well-ventilated area.
 - ▶ Wear protective clothing suited for the task, including gloves. Wash soiled clothing and gear separately from other items.
 - ▶ Wash your hands when you finish, especially before preparing food or eating.
 - ▶ Use a wet mop or vacuum cleaner with a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter when cleaning up your work area.
- ✓ Responsibly dispose of used motor vehicles and parts.
 - ▶ Most wholesalers or retailers who sell lead-acid motor vehicle batteries will accept your used battery when you purchase a new one.
 - ▶ Check with your county waste management agency about the best way to dispose of or recycle any parts that may be hazardous.
 - ▶ Avoid leaving used parts unattended on your property and keep them out of the reach of children.

For more information:

General Fact Sheets and Resources

- California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA)
CalRecycle
 - ▶ Lead-Acid Batteries. Hazards and Responsible Use
<https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Publications/Details/817>
 - ▶ Where to Recycle
<https://calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/>
- Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)
 - ▶ Brake Pads. Frequently Asked Questions
<https://dtsc.ca.gov/scp/brake-pads-frequently-asked-questions/>
- Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)
 - ▶ Asbestos
<https://oehha.ca.gov/air/asbestos-fact-sheet-information-health-risksexposures-asbestos>

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>