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Proposition 65 requires businesses to provide warnings to Californians about significant exposures to chemicals that cause **cancer**, birth defects or other **reproductive harm**. These chemicals can be in the products that Californians purchase, in their homes or workplaces, or that are released into the environment. By requiring that this information be provided, Proposition 65 enables Californians to make informed decisions about their exposures to these chemicals.

Proposition 65 also prohibits California businesses from knowingly discharging significant amounts of listed chemicals into sources of drinking water.

Proposition 65 requires California to publish a list of chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. This list, which must be updated at least once a year, has grown to include approximately 900 chemicals since it was first published in 1987.

Proposition 65 became law in November 1986, when California voters approved it by a 63-37 percent margin. The official name of Proposition 65 is the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986.

There are products which can expose you to chemicals including epichlorohydrin, arsenic, styrene, methanol and toluene, titanium dioxide, methylene chloride, also known as dichloromethane or DCM are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects and/or other reproductive harm.

There are products which can expose you to chemicals including styrene, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer.

Drilling, sawing, sanding or machining wood products can expose you to wood dust, a substance known to the State of California to cause cancer. Avoid inhaling wood dust or use a dust mask or other safeguards for personal protection.

There are also product which can potentially expose you to chemicals including lead, nickel, and chromium which is known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.