



Di-isodecyl Phthalate (DIDP)

Why am I being warned about potential exposure to DIDP?



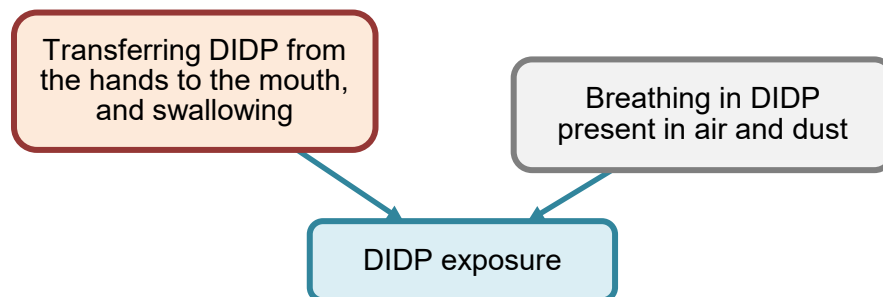
- DIDP is on the [Proposition 65](#) list because it can cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.
- Exposure to DIDP during pregnancy may affect the development of the child.
- Proposition 65 requires businesses to determine if they must provide a warning about significant exposure to [listed chemicals](#).

What is DIDP?

- DIDP belongs to a family of chemicals called phthalates, which are added to some plastics to make them flexible.
- DIDP is used in various types of plastic consumer products, including:
 - ▶ Some polyvinyl chloride (PVC, vinyl) tubing, materials used in automobile interiors, garden hoses, raincoats, binders, storage cases, tile flooring, shower curtains, and bath mats.
- California law prohibits the manufacture, sale, or distribution of toys and child care articles intended for the use of a child under 3 years old, if that product can be placed in the child's mouth and it contains DIDP at levels greater than 0.1%. Federal law currently has a similar prohibition.

How does exposure to DIDP occur?

- DIDP can be gradually released from consumer products into indoor environments such as homes and cars. It settles on floors and other surfaces, and can accumulate in dust and air.
- During pregnancy, DIDP can pass from mother to baby.



How can I reduce my exposure to DIDP?

- ✗ Avoid plastics known as polyvinyl chloride (PVC) or vinyl (with recycle code 3).
- ✓ Minimize exposure to dust, which can contain DIDP:
 - ▶ Wash your hands and your child's hands frequently, especially before preparing food, and before eating.
 - ▶ Clean floors regularly, using a wet mop or a vacuum cleaner with a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter, if possible.
 - ▶ Wipe up dust regularly, using a damp cloth.

For more information:**Scientific Information on DIDP**

- US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
National Toxicology Program (NTP)
 - ▶ NTP-CERHR Monograph on the Potential Human Reproductive and Developmental Effects of Di-Isodecyl Phthalate (DIDP)
https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/ntp/ohat/phthalates/didp/didp_monograph_final.pdf
- National Library of Medicine, National Center for Biotechnology Information
 - ▶ Diisodecyl (2-ethylhexyl)phthalate
https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/diisodecyl_phthalate#section=Toxicity

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>