

## California Proposition 65

In 1986, California passed the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act, also known as Proposition 65. This initiative was intended to protect Californians and the State's drinking water sources from over 750 different chemicals that are known to cause cancer, reproductive harm, or birth defects. A published list of these chemicals can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

Proposition 65 now requires companies to openly give a "clear and reasonable warning" to its customers stating that these companies are entirely aware that their products contain potentially harmful chemicals listed by the recent enactment. However, if the company can demonstrate that its products contain levels of the chemicals that meet the No Significant Risk Levels (NSRLs), amounts of these chemicals which cause no significant risk of cancer or other dangers [which are established by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment], then the company is not obligated to give any warning.

Preferred Nation has been committed to ensuring that our products are made with not only high quality materials, but also safe ones. Since the passing of this act, we have worked with our suppliers in order to ensure that the materials of our products meet lead content restrictions and Prop 65 regulations. Because lead, to this day, is a major concern of our customers, our efforts have been primarily directed toward regulation safe lead levels. Preferred Nation has been testing its materials in order to meet the requirements for lead content as well as Prop 65's NSRLs.

Because it is impossible for Preferred Nation to test every piece it ships for the 750 potentially harmful chemicals listed in Prop 65, you may continue to have concerns about our compliance with the act. If so, the safest option is to request labels on products that ship to the state of California, which will be done free of charge. The label would read as follows:

WARNING: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

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