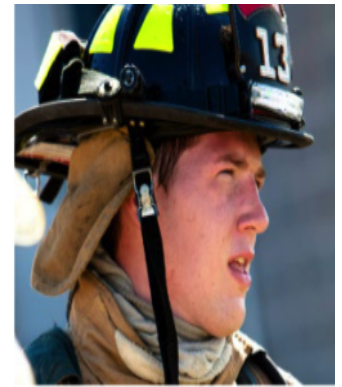




Toxic-Free Kids and Families Act



A Washington Toxics Coalition Factsheet

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Please Support The Toxic-Free Kids and Families Act!

- Our children deserve a safe and healthy world, not exposure to toxic chemicals.
- Many of the flame retardants used in children's products and in the home are toxic.
- There are **safer alternatives** to toxic flame retardants.
- Toxic flame retardants are being phased out by major businesses and states are putting in place bans.

The Problem

- Current state law prevents our state's health agency from prohibiting these cancer-causing and other harmful chemicals. **Other states, including Oregon, California and Minnesota can prohibit them.**
- As a result, toxic flame retardants are found in many everyday products in our homes.
- These chemicals escape into the air and dust and then can enter our bodies.
- Babies and other young children are more vulnerable than adults.
- Commonly used chemical flame retardants are linked to **cancer, lower IQ and poorer attention in children, hormone disruption, thyroid effects, and obesity.**
- **Chlorinated Tris compounds including TDCPP and TCEP** as well as antimony trioxide have been designated as carcinogens.
- **PBDEs, HBCD, and TBBPA** are persistent toxic



The Solution: Pass the Toxic-Free Kids & Families Act

- Bans 5 flame retardants (TCEP, TDCPP, TBBPA, HBCD, and Deca (BDE) in **children's products and furniture.**
- Gives the state's health department the authority to ban through rulemaking additional cancer-causing and other harmful chemicals from being used as flame retardants in children's products and furniture.
- Ensures that safer effective alternatives are available.

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