

# What is Proposition 65?

Proposition 65, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, was enacted as a ballot initiative in November 1986. The proposition was intended by its authors to protect California citizens and the State's drinking water sources from chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm, and to inform citizens about exposures to such chemicals.

## What is required to comply with Proposition 65?

All products that have chemicals listed within Proposition 65 must be properly labeled to inform the public as their right to know.

## Label Content: What must the label state?

"WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer".

"WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm".

## What is the liability for not complying with Proposition 65?

- Liability for not complying with Proposition 65 can result in violation to equal up to \$2,500 per day, per violation.
- Prosecution can be generated by a private party, civil suit, from the District Attorney or the Attorney General.

## Are there exceptions to Proposition 65?

If the final product will be in a public independent facility with 10 employees or less, they are not subject to violations in the case the products don't comply with Proposition 65.

## Is Proposition 65 in any way affiliated with the Federal Standard H.R. 4040 set forth by the CPSC in regards to the CPSIA of 2009?

No, they are completely separate, where as the Federal Standard is in relationship to products in contact with children 12 years of age or less, Proposition 65 is the act of properly labeling your products with adequate warning labels for the "Public Right to Know".

## Important website links

For more information, please visit us on the web: [www.valuevinyls.com](http://www.valuevinyls.com)

## Liability Statement

The following information pertains to potential chemicals that are "known" by the State of California to cause cancer, reproductive harm, or birth defects. While reliable, this information is provided on a "right to know" basis and is intended to be used as an informational source for your benefit. This information is provided only as a convenience, and it is the responsibility of the purchaser to ensure the final product being provided complies with Proposition 65. Information included in this document is not legal guidance and holds no liability against Value Vinyls.

