



## Toxic Facts



- ▶ Flame retardants escape out of products and get into our dust and bodies.
- ▶ Exposure to flame retardants may increase risk for health problems such as cancer, reduced IQ, attention deficit disorders, infertility, and obesity.
- ▶ Toddlers have much higher levels of flame retardants in their bodies than their mothers.
- ▶ Flame retardant chemicals are not needed in most children's products as these products have not been found to pose a fire risk.



## Tips for parents



- ▶ Avoid baby products made with polyurethane foam when possible and prefer products made with cotton, wool, other natural fibers, or polyester.
- ▶ Dust contains many harmful chemicals, and kids tend to get more dust on their hands than adults. So it's important to wash your child's hands frequently, especially before eating.
- ▶ Keep dust levels low by wet mopping and vacuuming regularly with a HEPA filter.
- ▶ Avoid products labeled "**This product meets the flammability requirements of Technical Bulletin 117**" as these are older products likely to contain harmful flame retardant chemicals.

*For other tips on how to reduce your exposure to toxic chemicals visit:*

[www.ceh.org/frguide](http://www.ceh.org/frguide)



# Are your children safe from toxic flame retardant chemicals?



**A guide to buying flame retardant-free baby products**

In early 2016, CEH contacted leading baby product manufacturers on the use of flame retardant (FR) chemicals in their products. We also reviewed company responses to customers' inquiries about flame retardants in their products.

*\*Car seats and mattresses must comply with a federal requirement and are not included in this rating.*

We rated companies based on the following criteria:

**Best**

Company reported products to be FR-free, products labeled as FR-free, and customer inquiries about FR content were answered clearly

**Good**

Company reported products to be FR-free and customer inquiries about FR content were answered clearly

**Fair**

Company failed to report FR status to CEH but company responses to customer inquiries clearly reported that products were FR-free

**Avoid**

Company failed to report FR status to CEH and company responses to customer inquiries did not clearly state that products were free of FRs or product was reported to contain FRs

### Company

MamaDoo Kids



Naturepedic

BabyBjörn

Boppy Company

Carters



Inglesina

Onya Baby

Babyhome USA

Boba Inc.

Dex Baby

Evenflo

\*Graco (high chair pads reported to contain FRs)

Kids ii/ Bright Stars

Kolcraft

Mutsy USA



Nuna Baby

Peg Perego

Phil and Teds USA

Skiphop

Summer Infant

4 Moms LLC

Fisher-Price

\*Graco (high chair pads reported to contain FRs)

Munchkin

### Products

play yard mattress toppers

changing pads, bassinet pads

baby carriers, infant bouncers

baby loungers, baby chairs, nursing pillows

high chairs, strollers, play yards, bouncers, swings

strollers, high chairs, hook-on chairs, bassinets, prams

baby carriers

high chairs, strollers, bassinets

baby carriers

infant seats, changing pads

strollers, play yards, high chairs, infant carriers

infant swings, play yards, strollers

infant swings, infant seats/bouncers, high chairs, play yards

bassinets, walkers, strollers, activity centers

strollers, prams

strollers, baby seats, play yards, high chairs

high chairs, booster chairs, strollers

strollers, high chairs, baby carriers, porta cots

activity gyms, play mats, bouncers

bassinets, changing pads, strollers, hook-on, chairs, high chairs, play yards, bouncers, swings

high chairs, strollers, infant seats, play yards

high chairs, swings, infant seats/bouncers, play yards, bassinets

high chair pads

changing pads

\* CEH has not tested these products and therefore cannot verify manufacturer claims that their products are flame retardant-free.