



Frequently Asked Questions About Lead in Candy For Candy Manufacturers and Retailers

WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH LEAD IN CANDY?

Years ago, Environmental Health Coalition spearheaded an effort to get lead out of candy products to ensure the health of all children. California passed a law to regulate and audit candy manufacturing processes for lead contamination. It remains one of the most important public health victories in the nation.

WHAT IS LEAD POISONING AND HOW DOES IT HURT CHILDREN?

Lead is a dangerous metal that can be found in dirt, dust and paint. Even small amounts of lead are not safe for children; harmful to developing brains and responsible for irreversible developmental problems. A child can have lead poisoning and not look or act sick, which is why it's important to have your children tested by a doctor.

WHAT DO I DO IF I SELL CANDY?

Make sure the candy companies you buy from are certified in the state of California. Ask the manufacturer for a "Certificate of Compliance" from an independent food quality auditor. Only sell candy that is certified to be safe for sale in California. Display the sticker that says "We sell lead-free candy" in a visible place for customers.



WHAT DO I DO IF I MANUFACTURE CANDY?

Ensure your candy is free of lead by using lead-free packaging companies and lead-free chile powder providers - You can find a list of such companies at www.leadfreecandy.org. Research information on audits and auditors to be sure you comply with California law and statewide lead regulations for candy products.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD IN CANDY?

For more information and helpful resources, please explore www.leadfreecandy.org or contact Environmental Health Coalition at (619) 474-0220.

