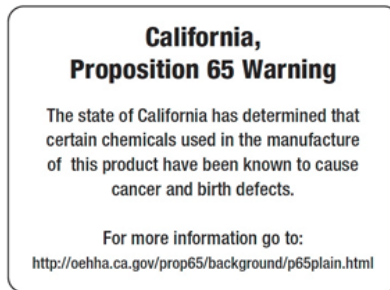


You may have seen the following warning associated with our products:

California, Proposition 65 Warning: The state of California has determined that certain chemicals used in the manufacture of this product have been known to cause cancer and birth defects.



Proposition 65 warnings are visible throughout California in a range of businesses such as restaurants, hotels, and hospitals, as well as on the labels of a wide variety of consumer products.

What is Proposition 65?

As it relates to consumer products, Proposition 65 is a California Right-to-Know initiative to ensure that California consumers are warned before being exposed to chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Proposition 65 neither bans the sale of products containing listed chemicals nor does the presence of the Proposition 65 warning mean that a product is unsafe.

Among other things, Proposition 65 requires the state of California to maintain a list of chemicals known to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity. The list includes both naturally occurring substances and synthetic chemicals commonly found in numerous household products. If a consumer product sold in California contains a listed substance, a Proposition 65 warning must be given unless the potential exposure is low enough to post no significant risk of cancer or is significantly below levels observed to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

The "no significant risk level" for listed carcinogens is the level of exposure that would result in not more than one excess case of cancer in 100,000 persons exposed to the chemical over a 70-year lifetime. For reproductive toxicants, a warning must be provided if exposure exceeds 1/1000th of the "no observable effect level," or that level of exposure that has been shown not to cause harm to humans or laboratory animals. A business may choose to provide a warning based on its knowledge or assumption about the presence of a listed chemical without attempting to evaluate the level of exposure.

Why does Office Star Products include this warning?

Office Star Products provides a Proposition 65 warning based on the knowledge of the presence of one or more listed chemicals without attempting to evaluate the level of exposure associated with the product. Also, with over 900 chemicals listed under Prop 65, our suppliers cannot guarantee that all of those chemicals are not present on the products. While we believe our products are not harmful when used as designed, we provide the warning to comply with the labeling requirements of California law.