

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) California Proposition 65

What is Proposition 65?

In November 1986, California voters approved a ballot initiative to address concerns about exposures to certain chemicals. That initiative became the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act, better known and commonly referred to as Proposition or Prop 65.

What does Proposition 65 require?

First, it requires the Governor of California to publish a list of chemicals and materials that are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. Over 900 chemicals and materials, including many metals and plastics, have been listed as of January 2018. Second, it requires manufacturers whose products contain one or more of these materials to provide a “clear and reasonable” warning before exposing anyone to a listed material. This warning can be given by labeling a product as one example.

What does a Proposition 65 warning label mean?

When a manufacturer utilizes the warning label, it means that one or more listed chemicals is present in its product, even if it is only present in trace quantities.

Why does SLOAN include this warning on its products?

Many SLOAN products use common materials such as brass, stainless steel or others that contain one or more chemicals on the California Prop 65 list. While it is exposure to these chemicals that the California law is intended to address, SLOAN has chosen to label products that contain these chemicals even if there is little to no risk of any exposure.

It is important to understand that even though a product may contain a Proposition 65 listed chemical, it does not mean that the use of the product will cause any adverse health impacts, nor does it mean that the product is unsafe in any way or manner. **All SLOAN products meet or exceed the requirements of applicable product performance and safety standards for plumbing products and the plumbing industry, as well as the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.** SLOAN is confident that there is no health hazard associated with the installation and use of any of these SLOAN products.

The following language is an example of the language that SLOAN will use and that appears on many of our products, including replacement parts:

 **WARNING:** This product can expose you to chemicals including lead, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

Why is this label included on SLOAN products that I purchased outside of California?

SLOAN products are sold nationwide throughout North America. In order to ensure compliance with Proposition 65 requirements, it was decided to include these labels on applicable products regardless of where they are purchased or sold.

Where can I get more information?

The State of California provides Proposition 65 information. The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) administers the Proposition 65 program and maintains a website at www.P65Warnings.ca.gov. The site provides information on the law, commonly asked questions, a list of all of the chemicals, and staff available for any inquiries