



California Proposition 65 FAQ

What does this warning mean?

This warning is the result of the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, usually referred to as “Proposition 65”. The warning does not mean that the product necessarily causes cancer/reproductive harm or that the product violates any safety standards. Universal Lighting Technologies designs all products to be safe when used as designed.

Why does Universal Lighting Technologies include this Warning?

Proposition 65 allows any private person in the public interest to sue companies to enforce the law, and to keep a percentage of the penalties imposed. Unfortunately, the law’s lack of certainty about when to warn is often exploited for monetary gain resulting in thousands of costly Proposition 65 lawsuits every year.

The penalties for not complying with Proposition 65 can be high. Because of the potential penalties and because there is no penalty for providing an unnecessary warning, Universal Lighting Technologies, as well as many other manufacturers, have elected to provide the Proposition 65 notice out of an abundance of caution to avoid the potential for liability.

I purchased this product outside of California, why is it included?

Our products are sold nationwide. It would be extremely difficult and costly to determine which products will be ultimately sold or brought into California. Therefore, to ensure compliance with Proposition 65 requirements, we have decided to include these warnings regardless of destination.

What is Proposition 65

Proposition 65 is broad law that applies to any company operating in California, selling products in California, or manufacturing products that may be sold in or brought into California. Proposition 65 mandates that the Governor of California maintain and publish a list of chemicals that are known to cause cancer, birth defects and/or other reproductive harm. The list, which is updated quarterly, includes a wide variety of chemicals that can be found in many everyday items, such as dyes, solvents, drugs, food-additives, by-products of certain processes, pesticides and tobacco products. The purpose of Proposition 65 is to ensure that people are informed about exposure to these chemicals.



Proposition 65 also requires warnings to be placed on any product, product packaging, or literature accompanying a product that contains or may contain any of the 900-plus chemicals that the California Air Resources Board considers harmful. As noted above, many of the elements listed under Proposition 65 have been routinely used in everyday consumer items for years without documented harm.

A warning must be given if the listed chemical is present in a product unless a business demonstrates that the exposure it causes poses "no significant risk." With respect to carcinogens, the "no significant risk" level is defined as the level which is calculated to result in not more than one excess case of cancer in 100,000 individuals exposed over a 70-year lifetime. In other words, if you are exposed to the chemical in question at this level every day for 70 years, theoretically, it will increase your chances of getting cancer by no more than 1 case in 100,000 individuals so exposed.

With respect to reproductive toxicants, the "no significant risk" level is defined as the level of exposure which, even if multiplied by 1,000, will not produce birth defects or other reproductive harm. In other words, the level of exposure is below the "no observable effect level," divided by 1,000. (The "no observable effect level" is the highest dose level which has not been associated with observable reproductive harm in humans or test animals.)

For more information please visit <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html>