

What to Know about Flame Retardant Chemicals

Flame retardants are added to many common products (such as furniture, baby products, and electronics) to comply with fire regulatory standards



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Furniture made from 1975-2014 may have a 'Technical Bulletin 117' or 'TB 117' label only.

Products labeled 'TB117' almost certainly contain flame retardant chemicals

Flame retardants can pose a health risk, especially to children



Flame retardants are detected in the bodies of adults and children



Flame retardants in foam are not as effective at preventing fires as previously thought and produce toxic smoke upon burning

Simple Steps to Avoid Flame Retardant Chemicals

Avoid Polyurethane Foam



- Avoid the TB117 label
- Choose naturally flame retardant materials like wool and polyester

Reduce Dust



- Wet mop, wet dust, and vacuum regularly with a HEPA filter vacuum
- Wash hands frequently, especially before eating
- Ventilate indoor spaces

Prevent Exposure



- Replace, repair, or cover furniture with exposed foam
- Look for products labeled TB117-2013, which are not required to be treated with flame retardants
- Support legislation to eliminate the use of toxic flame retardants