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Free Foam Testing

The Center for Environmental Health (CEH) is pleased to offer free testing of products containing polyurethane foam for the presence of certain chemicals commonly used in flame retardants.



Types of products to be tested: CEH is able to test polyurethane foam from any product (couches, chairs, crib mattresses, changing pads, etc.) If your product also contains polyester fibers or other materials in addition to polyurethane foam, that is fine. If your product contains only polyester fibers or other materials and does not contain polyurethane foam, it is much less likely that your product contains flame retardant chemicals.

What we can test for: Through the use of an X-ray Fluorescence Analyzer we are able to test for the presence of certain chemicals that are found in common flame retardants. This test cannot test for all chemicals used in flame retardants, but it does cover the vast majority of the common flame retardants used today.

How to take the foam sample

- Remove a one inch piece of foam with scissors or by tearing.
- Place the foam sample and seal it in a Ziploc bag. Place the submission slip in with the sample. Wash your hands afterwards.
- Please separate each foam sample (if you are submitting more than one) and complete a separate submission slip for each sample. Thank you!

Submission and results process

- Mail the foam sample(s) and submission form to: Center for Environmental Health, Product Testing, 2201 Broadway Suite 302, Oakland, CA 94612-3017.
- We will email you your results within 2-3 weeks of when we receive the sample.

For more information: Call Judy Levin at 510-655-3900 ext. 316

While the testing is free, CEH is a non-profit organization and donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much for your participation!

Cut out and use form below

Name and contact information of person submitting sample

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Description of item

Type of Product (chair, sofa, changing pad, crib mattress?)

Filling Type: (Polyurethane Foam, Polyester, etc.)

Please place this form in the Ziploc Bag surrounding the foam sample and return to:

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