Toxic Fashion

TRENDY OR "LEADY": THE SIX YEAR EFFORT TO REMOVE LEAD FROM THE FASHION INDUSTRY

Did You Know...

High levels of Lead are found in some handbags, shoes, hats and other fashion accessories!

Used in the production of tint flame retarder products, like in most interior paints to help prevent fire, and some non-metals, used in banister and black flame retarders.

Problem:

Exposure to lead can cause serious health problems. There include low IQ scores and behavioral problems in children, as well as high blood pressure, heart disease or cancer in adults, and pregnant women and exposed lead in their children.

CEH Solution:

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Top 5 Fashion Offenders per year: 2012 - 2017

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What Can You Do?

When purchasing fashion accessories, look for the “Made in China” label on the back of the package. If the item is made in China, it will contain lead.

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