

Proposition 65, also known as the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 was enacted as a California ballot initiative in November 1986. The Proposition was intended by its authors to protect California citizens and the State's drinking water sources from chemicals determined by a state agency to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Over 700 chemicals are now on California's list of Proposition 65 chemicals.

Proposition 65 requires that companies give a "clear and reasonable warning" to individuals before "knowingly and intentionally" exposing them to listed Proposition 65 chemicals unless the company can demonstrate that the exposure is so small that it causes "no significant risk" of cancer or "no observable effect" with regard to reproductive toxins. For many listed Proposition 65 chemicals, a California agency has determined "safe harbor" levels of exposure, below which no warning is required.

Landes Inc. has always been committed to providing high quality, safe products for our customers and worked with our supply chain partners to implement a process to help insure the purchase of raw materials that will meet Proposition 65 standards. Landes Inc. has also instituted numerous testing procedures to help insure that all of our products comply with all federal and state requirements.

To date, our efforts have focused on testing, controlling and monitoring lead content in our products because lead has been the primary concern of our customers and the focus of Proposition 65 litigation in California. Landes Inc. testing is designed to allow the company to confirm that the lining and exterior fabrics for its tested products meet standards for lead content that have been accepted by California courts as meeting Proposition 65's "safe harbor" requirements. We will continue to develop and refine our processes as the situation warrants. Our objective is to use the testing program to demonstrate that the products we ship meet Proposition 65 standards for lead.

Because Landes Inc. cannot test every piece it ships and has not tested its products for every one of the over 700 Proposition 65 chemicals in addition to lead, you may continue to have concerns about compliance with Proposition 65. If so, the safest option is to include a label on product that may ship to the State of California. We will do this free of charge. The label would read as follows:

WARNING: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.