

**Children's Safe Product Act – Reporting Rule – WAC 173-334**  
**Searching Data on Children's Products – Frequently Asked Questions**

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**Can the information being reported be used to determine if a product is safe?**

No – the report of the presence of a chemical in a product does not establish that a product is harmful. But the reports will provide information on the prevalence of a given chemical across the supply chain for children's products. Ecology intends to use this information to focus attention on those chemicals where the greatest opportunities for improvement exist.

**How were the reporting chemicals selected?**

Ecology used a combination of toxicity data and information about chemicals that have been found in children's products, people's bodies, or are known to persist in the environment to come up with a broad list of chemicals. This list was further prioritized to the 66 reporting chemicals. For complete details on this process please refer to the Process Used to Generate Reporting List documents, available at:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/cspa/chcc.html>

**If a company's name isn't among those that reported, does that mean that their products don't have any of the chemicals?**

There are several possible reasons a company's name is not included. Their products may not contain any of the chemicals. The reporting requirement for children's products is [phased in](#) based on manufacturer size and product tier; the company may be not be large enough or make products that are currently subject to reporting. The company may have chosen not to report. Or the company may not be aware that their products contain a reporting chemical.

**Why is the reporting requirement being phased-in?**

The reporting is being phased-in to lessen the burden on small business. The largest manufacturers sell the most children's products to Washington consumers and are most likely to have the ability to determine what chemicals are in their products.

**How will Ecology make sure that companies are complying with the law?**

Ecology will periodically purchase products and test them for chemicals on the list of Chemicals of High Concern to Children. If a discrepancy is found between the reported data and our test results, Ecology will follow up with the responsible manufacturer.