

## California Proposition 65

Starting in August 2018 fluid faucet packaging will feature a warning label such as the following for California residents:

**ATTENTION CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS-CALIFORNIA PROP 65 WARNING:**

This product contains one or more chemicals, including lead, known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. Wash hands after installing or removing this product.

For more information, please go to [www.p65warnings.ca.gov](http://www.p65warnings.ca.gov)

*Why is there a warning label for California residents on fluid packaging?*

This label is being attached in compliance with the California Safe Water Act of 1986. Many products sold in California are now or very soon will be carrying these labels, including plumbing and home products, tools and even supplements and food products.

California created AB1953 that was signed into law effective January 2010 mandating that all faucets have a lead content of no more than 0.25% weighted average to be considered “lead-free”. The purpose of this law was to limit lead levels in faucets to protect consumers. Fluid adopted this low lead standard well ahead of the legislated deadline as we are committed to producing high quality, safe and sustainable plumbing products.

So, if fluid faucets meet and exceeds these low lead regulations, why do we still carry a warning label on our products? While the State of California determined that this level of lead in faucets is safe and will not expose consumers to related health risks, Prop 65 is an additional initiative that seeks to warn California residents of the presence of any substance, even in trace amounts that is known to the State of California to cause adverse health issues.

*Does this mean that using our products will cause cancer or birth defects?*

Almost all faucets and fittings should now carry the Prop 65 label in California as they include components made with brass, which contain small but detectable amounts of lead, an element included on the Prop 65 chemical list.

Even though a product may be found to contain a Proposition 65-listed chemical, it does not mean that use of the product will cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Nor does it mean that a product is unsafe. **Again, all fluid products meet or exceed the requirements of all applicable product performance and safety industry standards, as well as the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.** We are very confident that there is no health hazard associated with use of our products.

*I do not live in California so why is my product being labelled?*

Product supply chains can be quite complicated, meaning that we could sell to a distributor in one state which they in turn sell to an end consumer in another state. These warning labels are only required in the state of California. No other US state or Canadian province require similar labels and no federal laws require them. However, the only way to ensure that all product sold in California will be properly labelled is to label all product.

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