

Healthy Legacy

Healthy people, safe communities, a clean environment and a thriving economy



We all want a legacy for our children and future generations that leaves them safe, healthy and with prospects for reaching their full potential.

Many of today's products, however, rely unnecessarily on toxic chemicals unknown or little used until the last fifty years. The way these products are made and disposed of pollutes communities and people.

Minnesotans, especially fetuses, babies and small children, are involuntarily exposed to these toxic chemicals every day in toys and teething rings, in baby bottles and clothing, and in food and lunch boxes, among other products.

There's no question many of these toxic substances accumulate in our bodies, starting before birth, and rising numbers of people are suffering from impacts on their health and development. **Current policies and practices are failing to protect us from these involuntary exposures to toxic chemicals.** To leave a healthy legacy for our children, we need safe products and safe ways to make them.

There are solutions.

Many companies are already making products using safer substitutes to toxic chemicals, and some cities and states are starting to require them. Minnesota can protect health and promote innovation by phasing out the use of toxic chemicals while investing in clean technologies, expanding research and developing safe alternatives.

Replace toxic chemicals with safe alternatives

Thousands of chemicals are registered for use in products today, and most have not been fully tested for their health effects on children.

Healthy Legacy

Healthy Legacy promotes healthy lives by supporting the production and use of everyday products without toxic chemicals. We advocate for consumer power, corporate responsibility, and protective policies to advance safe alternatives in Minnesota.



www.HealthyLegacy.org

The Key to Protection is Prevention

Consumer Power

Healthy Legacy will educate and empower people to protect themselves and their families by encouraging them to support healthy businesses and practices.

Corporate Responsibility

Healthy Legacy will encourage businesses to protect our health and environment from toxic chemicals through the development and use of safe substitutes. Investing in clean technologies creates new jobs, profitable new markets for farmers and industry, and increases worker safety.

Protective Policies

Healthy Legacy promotes phasing out the most toxic chemicals and those that persist and build up in our bodies and the environment. We support safe substitutes and solutions.

Be a part of the solution

We all need to work together. Governments and companies around the world are making the changes necessary to provide our children with a better future. We can do it in Minnesota, too.

- **Tell your elected officials** to support policies that protect children and communities from toxic threats. Calling and writing letters makes a difference!
- **Tell businesses that you want them to sell safe products** that don't use chemicals like PVC, phthalates, Bisphenol-A and toxic flame retardants.
- **Use your consumer dollar wisely** and purchase non-toxic products and organic food whenever possible.

Contact us to find out more and to join us on the path to a better future.

Call 612-870-3458 or log on to www.HealthyLegacy.org



Healthy Legacy is coordinated by:

- Arc Greater Twin Cities
- Clean Water Action Alliance of Minnesota
- Environmental Justice Advocates of Minnesota
- Indigenous Environmental Network
- Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
- Learning Disabilities Association of Minnesota
- Minnesota Nurses Association and
- Women's Environmental Institute