TOXIC FLAME RETARDANTS

1. Toxic flame retardants are in our children’s products and furniture and get into children’s and adults’ bodies.

These chemicals don’t stay put — they get out of the products and into the dust in our homes, and also into our bodies.

2. Flame retardants are harmful to our health.

They are linked to cancer, learning disabilities, nervous system damage, infertility, obesity, thyroid problems and more.

Some are highly-persistent and build up in our bodies and the food chain.

3. Firefighters are exposed in fires and have higher rates of cancer.

In fires, flame retardants burn and turn into toxic fumes, exposing firefighters, who have 60–136% more flame retardants in their bodies than the average US adult male.¹

Boston firefighters’ cancer rates are 2.5 times higher than other Boston residents. Every three weeks a Boston firefighter is diagnosed with cancer. Twenty Boston firefighters develop cancer every year.²

4. Flame retardants are not needed to stop fires.

Furniture and foam products can be made to be safe using less flammable materials.

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