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SafeSourcing e-Newsletter

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Trivia!

What is P2P?

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Industry News

Knowledge is the Procurement Professionals job in Their customer's Health and Safety Concerns

BPA-Free Products May Not Be as Safe as You Thought

A new UCLA study has indicated the BPA-free alternatives may be no safer than the product it replaced. Dr. Nancy Wayne, UCLA Department of Physiology, reported "After decades of animal research linked BPA (Bisphenol A), a known endocrine disruptor, to problems with brain and reproductive development, early puberty and rise in breast and prostate cancer, many manufacturers stopped using the chemical to harden plastics, replacing it with "BPA-free" alternatives. The most common replacement is BPS (Bisphenol S)."

Zebrafish embryos have been used to study the impact of low levels of BPA and BPS as they are transparent. Low levels of BPS have had similar impact on the embryo as BPA. Both BPA and BPS have accelerated embryonic development and BPA has caused premature birth.

A product labelled 'BPA-free' does not necessarily mean the product is safe. The FDA banned the use of BPA in baby bottles, sippy cups and infant formula packaging in 2012. Manufacturers began using "safer" alternatives; however, BPA is still available in water bottles, food-storage containers and plastic tableware, contact lenses, eyeglass lenses, compact discs, water pipes and some dental sealants and composites. ■

Sandee LaMotte, CNN, 2/11/16

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Recent Savings

Paper Bags

Savings were over 31% of total spend. ■

DEF Fuel

Savings were over 27% of total spend. ■

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BPA in Thermal Paper

United Activists have pushed for BPA-free plastic in food containers, water bottles, and children's toys for years with some success; however, little has been discussed about BPA in paper. Every time you get a receipt from an ATM machine, gas station, grocery store, etc. this receipt most likely is coated with BPA. Imagine if your work was as a cashier or ticket taker where your job required handling these slips of noxious paper all day.

BPA is known as an "endocrine disruptor". BPA acts like the hormone estrogen in your system. It can block or confuse routine production, metabolism, and function of important naturally-occurring estrogen. This can lead to obesity, diabetes, heart problems, cancer, etc. Little media attention has been given to this thermal-paper-as-cancer-delivery-system link as it was thought to be minimal.

Humans are naturally water resistant. To make skin more receptive to additives, "dermal penetration enhancers" are used to break down lipids and keratin in the body that allows mixtures to sink into our tissue such as moisturizers, sun tan lotions, and skin sanitizers. The skin cannot differentiate between substances to keep in or out.

If your job is a cashier or ticket taker, or you handle a lot of receipts, wear gloves. Limit the time you hold a receipt. Do not eat after handling thermal paper. ■

[Molly Blakemore, Healthy Child, 2/5/15](#)

Are Your Diapers Leaking?

Gas Disposable diapers account for more than 3.5 million tons of waste in landfills each year. Although disposable diapers are a convenient and popular consumer product, they do pose several environmental problems. Disposable diapers need to be exposed to oxygen and sunlight in order to decompose. They do not degrade well in a landfill. It is estimated that it takes approximately 500 years for disposable diapers to decompose. Millions of tons of untreated waste can contaminate ground water. Viruses excreted in a baby's feces could end up leaking into the local water supplies.

"According to the Atmospheric Radiation Measurement Program, landfills are known for producing greenhouse gas emissions, which can contribute to the earth's climate changes."

The Good Human, a website dedicated to reporting environmental issues, estimated 200,000 trees each year are lost to the manufacturing of disposable diapers in the U.S. alone. It takes 3.4 billion gallons of fuel oil every year to make diapers. "What it comes down to is that disposable diapers use 20 times more raw materials, two times more water and three times more energy to make than cloth diapers." ■

[Livestrong.com, Amber Keefer, 6/24/15](#)

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Q: I want to know more about what SafeSourcing does. Who can I talk to about this?

A: You can contact a customer services representative who can help you with any further questions by calling us at 1-888-261-9070 or by going to our [website](#) and trying our "Risk Free Trial" offer today.

Trivia! From February 2016 Issue

What is a Rack Jobber?

ANSWER: The term rack jobber refers to a wholesaler or retailer that places an order. On a contract basis, the product or service ordered would be delivered to a non-food department in a food store. The products and departments would include paper, pet food, toy, toiletries, health and beauty, clothing, electronics, and pharmacy.

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