



TECHNICAL BULLETIN

WHY DO MALARKEY PRODUCTS INCLUDE A WARNING RELATIVE TO CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65?

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Malarkey Roofing Products® includes the following on our shingle bundle and roll roofing packaging:

Proposition 65 Warning: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or birth defects or other reproductive harm.

In 1986, California voters adopted a measure called the “Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act,” but the scope of the law included more than just water pollution; its goal was to protect citizens from exposure to a variety of cancer-causing substances and reproductive toxins. In addition to prohibiting the introduction of such chemicals into drinking water sources, the law also required warnings so people could choose to avoid areas or consumer products with chemicals known to cause cancer or reproductive harm.

All Malarkey products come with a “Safety Data Sheet” that lists the hazardous chemicals that comprise them, and warnings are included where necessary even though they may exist in extremely small amounts. Potential hazards associated with these chemicals are rare because of the physical nature and “hardened state” of the roofing products in normal use.

“Normal use,” for instance, would not include heating or burning with an open flame – conditions producing strong fumes – or grinding and cutting with power tools – conditions releasing dust. As long as the user (homeowner, roofer, or contractor) of Malarkey roofing products employs them as intended, they are safe.

For more information on Proposition 65, see the link below from the state of California, and/or contact Malarkey Technical Services with questions at (800) 545-1191 or (503) 283-1191, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, Pacific Time. We are also available via email at: technicalinquiries@malarkeyroofing.com.

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