



## Throw Away Cheap Metal Jewelry And Keep Your Children Safe!

*"...there is nothing positive you can say about this metal. It is a poison." Bruce Fowler cadmium specialist and toxicologist from US Center for Disease Control and Prevention.*

PA 10-113: An Act Banning Cadmium in Children's Jewelry

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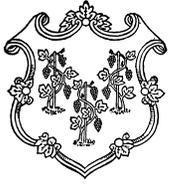
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## IS CADMIUM A POISON?

Cadmium is a poison, # 7 on the CDC's list of 250 most toxic substances (ahead of arsenic). It is a grade one carcinogen, causes kidney damage, bone loss, hormone disruption and developmental problems. Connecticut banned it in packaging in 1990 to keep it out of landfills. The federal government regulates cadmium in the surface coating of toys, but leaves children's jewelry completely unregulated. What is wrong with this picture?

## WHY IS CADMIUM IN CHILDREN'S JEWELRY

When we banned lead in children's products, foreign manufacturers needed a cheap substitute so they used the inexpensive, toxic, heavy metal cadmium.

## WHERE CAN YOU FIND CADMIUM?

It has been found in cheap children's character jewelry in incredibly high concentrations. Princess and the Frog jewelry was found to have over 50% cadmium. An abominable snowman charm contained 99% cadmium.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Whenever you buy children's jewelry ask the store whether the item in question has cadmium in it, if they don't know, then don't buy it! The more people that do this, the stronger the message to our retailers: get cadmium out of our children's jewelry!

## IT COMES DOWN TO THIS:

*Cadmium Causes Cancer.* Our new law will act as an incentive for the federal government to step up and pass meaningful nationwide regulations.

## IMPORTANT UPDATES

9,000 "Best Friends" charm bracelet sets sold exclusively at Claire's Boutiques have been recalled. The bracelets contained 91% cadmium. Wal-Mart has pulled all Miley Cyrus brand necklaces and bracelets due to high levels of cadmium.

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