



## California Amends the Metal-Containing Jewelry Regulations

As of June 1, 2020, the following changes to the jewelry requirements of the California Health and Safety Code become effective under California Bill SB-647.

### Key Highlights:

- Children has been re-defined as a person under 15 years of age.
- Implemented the federal standards for lead content in children's jewelry.
- Added cadmium requirement for children's jewelry.
- Reduced the lead content limit to 0.05% (500 ppm) for certain materials.

### Children's Jewelry Limits:

- 90 ppm total lead (surface coatings)
- 100 ppm total lead (accessible substrates)
- 75 ppm soluble cadmium (surface coatings)
- 300 ppm total cadmium (accessible substrates)

### Adult Jewelry Limits:

- 200 ppm Lead - Plastics or rubber, including acrylic, polystyrene, plastic beads and stone, and polyvinyl chloride (PVC).
- 500 ppm Lead – Electroplated metals, unplated metals unless otherwise listed, dyes and surface coatings, and other materials.
- Must be entirely made of:
  - (1) Stainless or surgical steel.
  - (2) Karat gold.
  - (3) Sterling silver.
  - (4) Platinum, palladium, iridium, ruthenium, rhodium, or osmium.
  - (5) Natural or cultured pearls.
  - (6) Glass, ceramic, or crystal decorative components, including cat's eye, cubic zirconia, including cubic zirconium or CZ, rhinestones, and cloisonne.
  - (7) A gemstone that is cut and polished for ornamental purposes, excluding aragonite, bayldonite, boleite, cerussite, crocoite, ekanite, linarite, mimetite, phosgenite, samarskite, vanadinite, and wulfenite.
  - (8) Elastic, fabric, ribbon, rope, or string that does not contain intentionally added lead.
  - (9) All natural decorative material, including amber, bone, coral, feathers, fur, horn, leather, shell, or wood, that is in its natural state and is not treated in a way that adds lead.
  - (10) Adhesive
  - (11) Electroplated metal containing less than 0.05 percent (500 parts per million) lead by weight.
  - (12) Unplated metal not otherwise listed containing less than 0.05 percent (500 parts per million) lead by weight.
  - (13) Plastic or rubber, including acrylic, polystyrene, plastic beads and stones, and polyvinyl chloride (PVC) containing less than 0.02 percent (200 parts per million) lead by weight.
  - (14) A dye or surface coating containing less than 0.05 percent (500 parts per million) lead by weight.
  - (15) Any other material that contains less than 0.05 percent (500 parts per million) lead by weight.

More information the full text of the legislation can be found at:

[http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201920200SB647](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB647)

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