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The safety of polycarbonate plastics

Bisphenol-A, otherwise known as BPA, has been another hot topic in the press as of late. BPA is used to make polycarbonate plastic bottles and is also found in some epoxy can liners. The Federal Ministers of Health and Environment recently announced their actions in regard to BPA as it relates to polycarbonate baby bottles and can liners for infant formula and food. As a precautionary measure only, Health Canada is recommending a reduction in BPA exposure for newborns and infants up to 18 months. This is despite the fact that the assessment found BPA levels in baby bottles were well within acceptable standards.

In fact, the Federal Government went on to state that it supports the continued safe use of BPA. Regardless of this, a lot of Canadians have gone to the extreme in ridding their households of #7 plastics or of plastics altogether.

First off, it's important to remember that the Federal Government concluded that the levels of BPA in plastic containers – including baby bottles – were well within the acceptable standards. This agrees with other leading health authorities, such as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which has approved the safe use of BPA in plastic containers, including baby bottles.

The assessment reaffirmed the safety of BPA used to make polycarbonate plastic (PC) consumer products. In his announcement, Health Minister Clement supported the continued safe use of polycarbonate plastics in bottles and containers clearly stating "Canadians can continue to use hard [polycarbonate], plastic re-usable water bottles and plastic tableware if they so choose." Health Canada's proposed action on plastics relates only to polycarbonate baby bottles and this was deemed as "a precautionary action" as stated by Minister Clement.

Second, BPA is not used in all plastic bottles and containers. It is not even used in all bottles and containers imprinted with the resin code #7. The #7 code actually denotes "other plastics", which can be a mixture or layers of different plastics that provide distinguishing properties, such as extending the shelf life of products. Examples of code #7 plastics that are not polycarbonate include squeezable ketchup bottles, films for deli and prepared meats, poultry or fish, 3 quart/2.84 litre plastic orange juice jugs, and the plastic bag containing wine in boxed wine cartons.

All plastics that are identified with the #7 code and are used in food and beverage containers at point of sale have been reviewed and accepted for use by Health Canada and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

More information on Bisphenol-A can be found on the North American [Bisphenol-A web site](#).