



The Kid Safe Chemicals Act

More About Showing What's Inside

Additional Activity

Approximately 3-5 minutes.




Objective

- To make advocates aware of the Environmental Working Group's Citizen Declaration and how the Kid-Safe Chemicals Act, if passed, will to further many of the goals that Seventh Generation supports





Preparation

- Check the Environmental Working Group's website www.ewg.org/kidsafe for background and the latest news on the Kid Safe Chemicals Act. It includes links to several resources that spell out the act in simple terms.
- Check out notkidsafe.org, the Environmental Working Group's website to collect pledges for their Citizen Declaration, which aims to fight infant pre-pollution.
- Read the release from Senator Frank Lautenberg announcing the Kid Safe Chemicals Act at <http://lautenberg.senate.gov/newsroom/record.cfm?id=298072>

Icons

-  Ask the group
-  Emphasize this key point
-  Transition

ACTIVITY FACILITATION

-  In addition to informing consumers about the ingredients that are in household products, there are groups who want the government to take a much closer look at the safety of the chemicals that go into these products.
-  Has anyone heard of the Kid Safe Chemicals Act?
-  **The Kid Safe Chemicals Act, originally introduced to congress in 2005 and recently re-introduced with help from the Environmental Working Group, would require that chemicals be tested and proven safe before they can be used in products. In addition, it would require manufacturers to re-test products that already on the market.**
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-  **The Environmental Working Group needs to gather non-partisan support for the issue of infant body burden in order to move the Kid-Safe legislation along in congress.**

Seventh Generation will be helping them drive pledges for their declaration and, then, help them bring the signed declaration to our new administration in 2009.

- This declaration is accessible at notkidsafe.org.