

# Organizational Guideline - Chemicals

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To advance an economy where the production and use of chemicals are not harmful for humans as well as for our global environment and its non-human inhabitants, Kaiser Permanente adopts the following five guiding principles for chemicals:

1. Understand product chemistry. To increase the transparency of the chemical constituents in products we buy, we will request product chemistry data from their suppliers.
2. Assess and avoid hazards. We will encourage suppliers to use chemicals with inherently low hazard potential, eliminate chemicals of high concern, minimize exposure when hazards cannot be prevented, and redesign products and processes to avoid the use and/or generation of hazardous chemicals.
3. Commit to continuous improvement. Create a framework for the review of product and process chemistry, and promote the use of chemicals, processes, and products with inherently lower hazard potential.
4. Support industry standards that, in KP's opinion, eliminate or reduce known hazards and promote a greener economy, including support for green chemistry research and education.
5. Inform public policies and be part of the public dialogue that advances the implementation of the above principles.