

Recommended labeling programs

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Level 1: Prohibits the most asthma-causing chemicals (safest and healthiest options)*

Recommended third-party certified cleaning products

UL ECOLOGO UL 2759: Hardsurface Cleaners

(General purpose/bathroom cleaners, dish detergents, degreasers, and other cleaning products for household, institutional, and industrial use)

UL ECOLOGO UL 2795: Carpet and Upholstery Cleaners

(carpet cleaners, carpet spot and stain removers, and upholstery care products)

Green Seal GS-37: Cleaning Products for Industrial and Institutional use

(General purpose, restroom, glass, and carpet cleaning products)

Green Seal GS-53: Specialty Cleaning Products for Industrial and Institutional use

(Dish soaps, graffiti removers, car cleansers, deck/outdoor cleaners, odor removers, polishes, and waxes)



*UL ECOLOGO prohibits asthmagens that cause allergic-type asthma. Green Seal allows the use of enzymes, which can cause allergic-type asthma. WRAPP recommends only Green Seal certified products that do not contain enzymes.

*Level 2: Prohibits some asthma-causing chemicals***

Design for the Environment (DfE)

DfE's criteria prohibit chemicals that may cause cancer or have developmental, reproductive, or neurotoxicity issues and limit some asthma-causing agents. For a list of products, visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/dfe/products>

Design for the Environment Antimicrobial Pesticide Pilot Project

Labels environmentally preferred disinfectants. DfE's criteria prohibit chemicals that may cause cancer, endocrine disruption, and are unlikely to cause developmental, reproductive, mutagenic, or neurotoxicity issues. Prohibits sodium hypochlorite (bleach) and quaternary ammonium compounds. This is the only labeling program available for disinfectants.



**Prohibits some asthmagens that can cause allergic-type asthma

***Level 3: Do not prohibit asthma-causing chemicals .
May still be a healthier choice than uncertified products .***

Carpet and Rug Institute products help limit or get rid of asthma triggers

Green Label Plus

Tests VOC emission levels for carpet and adhesive products for a variety of chemicals. Does NOT prohibit ingredients that cause asthma. This is the only labeling program for carpets and adhesives.

Seal of Approval for Residential Use Vacuums

Measures soil removal, dust containment, and surface appearance change. This is the only labeling program for vacuums.

These third-party certified products may contain ingredients that cause asthma . However, they do not contain ingredients that are known to cause cancer or reproductive harm, and they contain fewer VOCs and cause less pollution .

Green Seal GS-8: Cleaning Products for Household Use

Green Seal GS-34: Cleaning and Degreasing Agents

Green Seal GS-40: Floor-Care Products for Industrial and Institutional Use

UL ECOLOGO UL 2767: Paint and Varnish Removers

UL ECOLOGO UL 2792: Biologically-Based Cleaning and Degreasing Compounds

UL ECOLOGO UL 2777: Hard Floor Care Products

UL ECOLOGO UL 2780: Urinal Blocks



TOOLS FOR INFORMED SUBSTITUTION

HOW DO YOU FIND SAFER CHEMICALS FOR THE WORKPLACE?

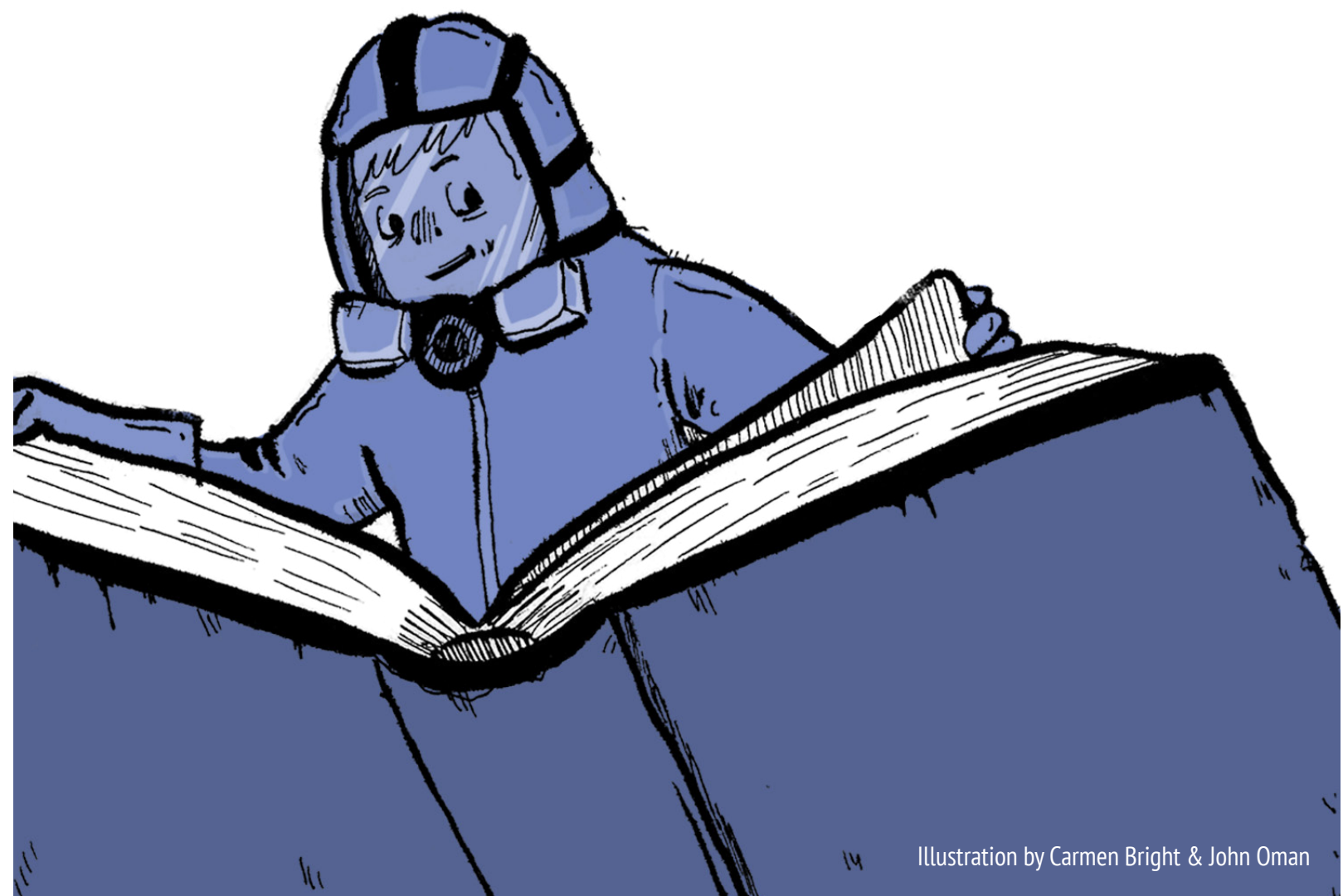


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