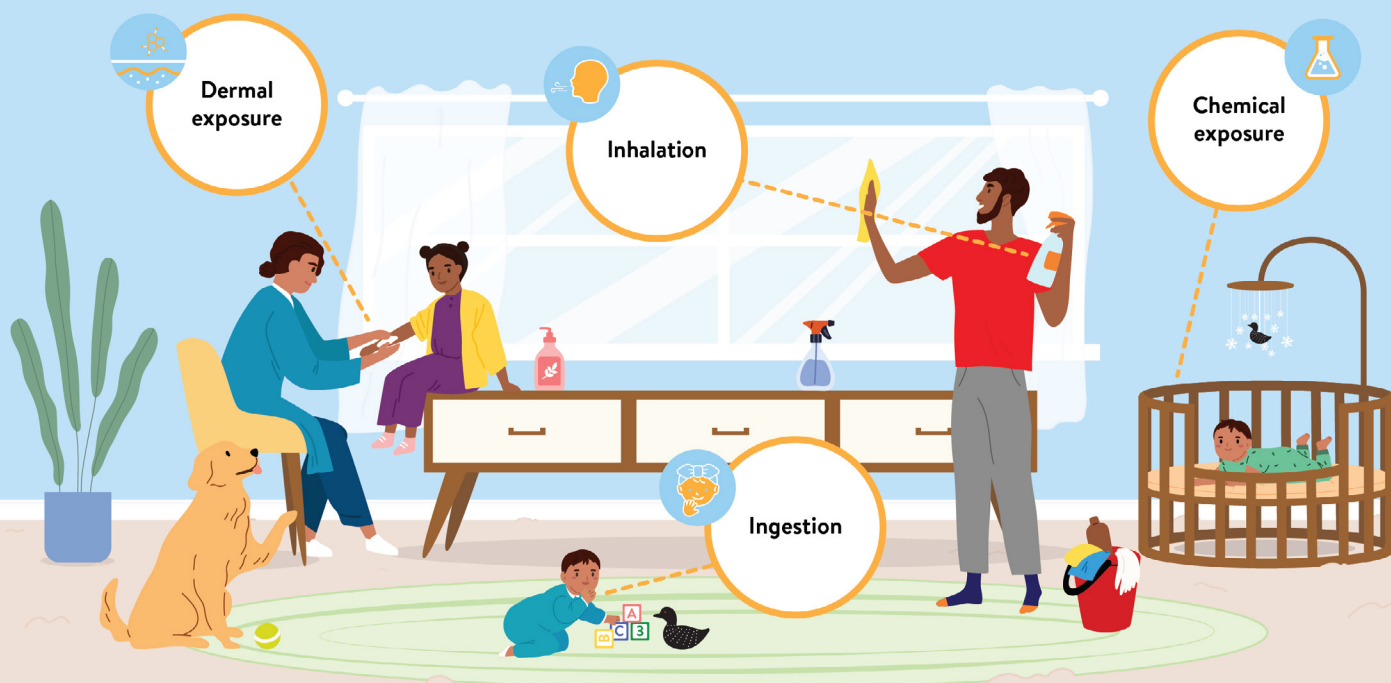


PATHWAYS OF EXPOSURE TO POTENTIALLY HARMFUL CHEMICALS



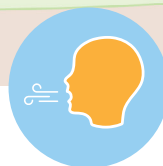
Dermal (skin) exposure

Some personal care products and cosmetics can contain phthalates and metals that can lead to dermal exposure.



Chemical exposure

Chemical exposure can occur from using products like composite wood furniture, which may contain formaldehyde from glue and adhesives.



Inhalation (breathing)

Household cleaning products may contain phthalates, which are used for a perfumed smell.



Ingestion (eating and drinking)

Chemicals can escape from household items and settle in dust. Due to hand to mouth activity children can ingest dust containing these chemicals.

How to reduce exposure to these chemicals

- Vacuum your home and use a damp cloth to remove dust from surfaces. Chemicals from some products can settle in household dust.
- Check product labels to avoid chemicals you are concerned about and purchase products that are made with safer chemicals.
- If possible, remove and dispose of household items (old baby bottles, furniture, electronics) that are known to be made with Priority Chemicals and Chemicals of High Concern.

Learn more about Priority Chemicals and Chemicals of High Concern

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