

# INVISIBLE TOXINS IN YOUR HOME

Your home contains materials and products made with toxic chemicals. But chances are you couldn't identify them. The Toxic Substances Chemicals Control Act (TSCAQ) keeps you in the dark about what products contain these substances – and what health risks they may pose to you and your family. A new report by the **Safer Chemicals Healthy Families** coalition, which EDF helped write, connects the dots between chemical exposures and chronic disease.

## Here are a few of the common household items that contain chemical linked to serious health risks:

### Flooring and windows, plastics, fragrances and food can linings

**Chemical:** Phthalates and Bisphenol A (BPA)

**Health Risk:** Endocrine Disrupters

**Health Impacts:** Infertility; breast and prostate cancer; metabolic disorders; altered thyroid function; low birth rate

### Nonstick cookware, stain resistant fabrics, carpeting, pizza boxes, fast food containers, cleaners, paints, roof treatment and hardwood floor protectant

**Chemical:** Perfluorinated Compounds (PFCs)

**Health Risk:** Endocrine Disrupter, Carcinogen

**Health Impacts:** Liver, pancreatic, testicular and mammary gland tumors; reproductive development disorders

### Painting supplies, inks, fuels, and adhesives

**Chemical:** Trichloroethylene (TCE) and Toluene

**Health Risk:** Probable Carcinogen, Neurotoxins

**Health Impacts:** Alzheimer's; Parkinson's; kidney, breast, liver, brain and blood cancers; lymphoma; leukemia

### Old paint, fish, batteries, light bulbs, microwaves

**Chemical:** Mercury and lead

**Health Risk:** Neurotoxins

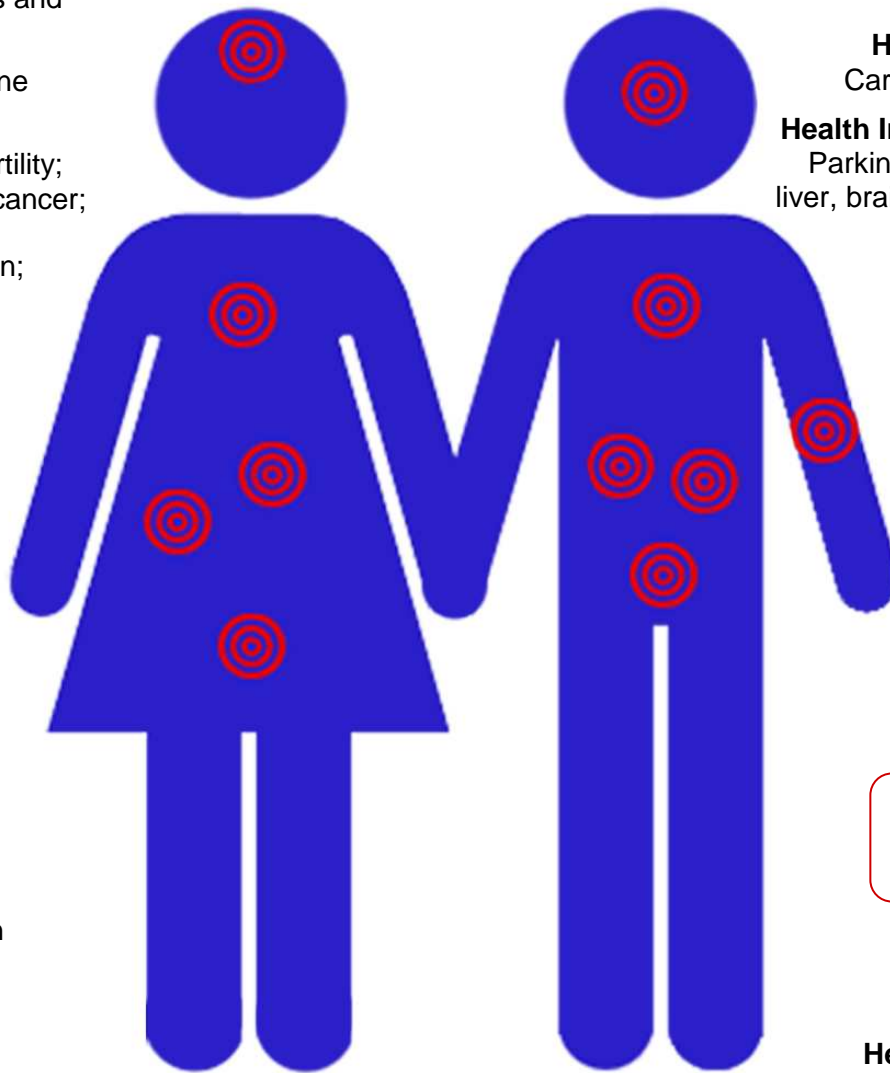
**Health Impacts:** Low birth weight, learning and developmental disabilities in children

### Pavement for parking lots and driveways, pavement sealers

**Chemical:** Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)

**Health Risk:** Carcinogen

**Health impacts:** Kidney and liver cancer, cataracts



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