

How to prepare your Cookie Pro for questions about Prop 65

In accordance with new regulations, which took effect in August of 2018, we are required to print California's Proposition 65 Warning on cookie order cards and rewards flyers. The new regulations impact many California retailers, restaurants, and grocery stores.

What is Proposition 65?

Proposition 65 (Prop 65) is a California law that requires a "clear and reasonable warning" to consumers for products that contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

Girl Scouts participating in booth sales will receive a table card to display the warning at their booth.

Why would a baker put a chemical in cookies that is on the Prop 65 list?

With few exceptions, the chemicals in food that appear on the Prop 65 list are not intentionally added to food. Typically, any such chemicals are picked up from the soil in which ingredients are grown or formed during cooking or other processes. It is common to see Prop 65 warnings at restaurants, grocery stores, department stores, and online. The purpose of Proposition 65 is to alert consumers to potential risk and enable them to make an informed decision regarding the products they consume.

How can I support my Girl Scout in answering questions about Prop 65?

We are confident that customers will still want to enjoy Girl Scout Cookies - a time-honored treat.

If you do have customers ask about the Prop 65 warning, please advise them that:

- ▶ The warning is in accordance with new California law.
- ▶ With few exceptions, the chemicals in food on the Proposition 65 list are not intentionally added. Rather, they are formed during cooking or other processes.
- ▶ Customers who want to learn more may go to p65warnings.ca.gov.

TIP: *You can advise her customers that they will see similar warnings in many restaurants and grocery stores, as the proposition applies to many common food and household items.*

Don't forget to have her share

why the Girl Scout Cookie program is important to her:

"The Girl Scout Cookie Program is helping me build leadership and business skills. I want to be a _____ some day!"

"I am planning to use the money I earn from Girl Scout Cookies to work on my Girl Scout Bronze/Silver/Gold Award Project to [describe her project]."

"My troop is planning to bridge to the next Girl Scout level across the Golden Gate bridge. Girl Scout Cookies will help us get there!"

"I want to go to Girl Scout camp this summer and set a goal to sell _____ packages of cookies to help me pay for my trip!"

And remember ... we are here to support you and her!

If you have additional questions that our 2019 Cookie Program FAQ or the Proposition 65 FAQ does not answer, send us an email at customercare@girlscoutsoc.org.