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Health Canada's Consumer Product Safety Regulations for Children's Jewelry

In light of the recent news reports concerning the levels of cadmium in costume jewelry Vanity Fashions Ltd would like to set their consumer's mind at ease by certifying their compliance with all government regulations around both cadmium and lead content in costume jewelry. As there are currently no restrictive regulations on lead and cadmium in "Adult Jewelry" in Canada, Vanity Fashions makes use of the Children's Jewellery regulations for all products sold.

This document provides information about the safety requirements that apply under the *Canada Consumer Product Safety Act* (CCPSA) and under the *Children's Jewellery Regulations* to children's jewellery that is manufactured, imported, advertised or sold in Canada.

Under the *Canada Consumer Product Safety Act* (CCPSA), the *Children's Jewellery Regulations* and *Surface Coating Materials Regulations* regulate the importation, advertisement or sale in Canada of children's jewellery items which contain lead. The regulations set limits on The *Children's Jewellery Regulations* define children's jewellery as:

Jewellery that is manufactured, sized, decorated, packaged, advertised or sold in a manner that appeals primarily to children under 15 years of age.

Lead Requirement

Children's jewellery, when tested using good laboratory practices, must not contain more than 600 mg/kg (ppm) of total lead and no more than 90 mg/kg (ppm) of migratable lead.

Both the total lead limit **and** the migratable lead limit must be met.

Many jewellery items are covered with a decorative or protective coating. The material under the coating is considered accessible for the purposes of the *Children's Jewellery Regulations*, since such coatings are easily removed if the item is sucked, chewed or swallowed, or through normal wear and tear.

The *Children's Jewellery Regulations* do not restrict the lead content of jewellery intended for adults or children aged 15 years or older. However, industry is encouraged to avoid the use of lead in all jewellery items.

Vanity Fashions Ltd. earrings are sold under many different brand names. All brands have been tested both by our manufacturer and independently by Canadian laboratories. All results are significantly below the stated regulation limits for both the total and migratable lead content.

Proposed guidelines for cadmium in children's jewellery

Health Canada has proposed a guideline for cadmium content in children's jewellery which would limit total cadmium to 130 mg/kg (ppm).

All Vanity Fashions Ltd. earrings have been tested both by our manufacturer and independently by Canadian laboratories. All results are significantly below the stated proposed limits for cadmium content.

[Canada Consumer Product Safety Act](http://www.laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-1.68/index.html)
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[Children's Jewellery Regulations](http://www.laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2011-19/index.html)
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[Draft Proposal for Cadmium Guidelines in Children's Jewellery](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/legislation/consultation/_2011cadmium/draft-ebauche-eng.php)
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