

## CALIFORNIA LAW AB 1681

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### Effective dates:

As of 3/1/08 no person shall manufacture, ship, sell or offer for sale jewelry unless it is made from specified class 1, 2, or 3 materials.

As of 9/1/07 no person shall manufacture, ship, sell, or offer for sale children's jewelry (children are defined as age 6 and under) unless

1. It is made from nonmetallic class 1 or 2 material, a metallic material that is a class 1 material or contains less than 600 ppm lead by weight.
2. Glass or crystal decorative components that weigh in total no more than one gram, excluding any glass or crystal that contains less than 200 ppm lead by weight and has no intentionally added lead.
3. Printing ink or ceramic glaze that contains less than 600 ppm lead by weight.

As of 3/1/08 the same standards as for adult jewelry apply to body piercing jewelry

### Penalties:

No criminal penalties shall apply.

Civil penalties not to exceed \$2,500.00 per day for each violation

### Testing:

The Department of Toxic Substance Control will specify testing methods & protocols.

### Definitions:

#### Class 1 materials:

Surgical steel, stainless steel, karat gold, sterling silver, platinum, natural or cultured pearls, glass, ceramic, CZ, rhinestones, cloisonné, gem stones, elastic, fabric, rope, string (without added lead), natural decorative materials in their natural state without added lead.

#### Class 2 materials:

Before 8/30/09 a metal alloy with less than 10% lead and electroplated with suitable under and finish coats.

After 8/31/09 same as above but less than 6% lead

Unplated metal with less than 1.5 % lead

Plastic, rubber, PVC, before 8/30/09 no more than 600 ppm lead. After 8/31/09 no more than 200 ppm lead

#### Class 3 materials: Any portion of jewelry that meets both the following criteria:

Not a class 1 or 2 material and contains less than 600 ppm lead by weight

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