

Belief Statement: CSPA members are committed to manufacturing and marketing safe products which are protective of human health and the environment while providing essential benefits to consumers.

Background:

- CSPA member products improve the quality of human life and are necessary to protect the public health against dangerous diseases, infestation, and unsanitary conditions.
- CSPA members are committed to providing products that are thoroughly evaluated for human and environmental safety and go through rigorous safety-based assessments before they are brought to market.
- CSPA members are committed to clear and meaningful labeling on consumer products, i.e., label instructions are written to ensure that consumers use products in accordance with label instructions.
- CSPA members are committed to the development of green products that are safe for human health and the environment. CSPA members routinely apply green chemistry and green engineering principles in their operations and have been honored with awards for their efforts.
- The consumer products industry develops products that meet or exceed safety requirements of all state and federal agencies in the United States and Canada charged with regulating those products, including the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Health Canada, Environment Canada, and appropriate state agencies.

CSPA Supports:

1. CSPA supports initiatives that continue to foster innovation and encourage universities, educational institutions, and industry to partner in developing effective “greener” ingredients that reduce environmental impact.
2. CSPA supports company performed safety-based assessments of consumer products prior to the marketing of a product, that take into consideration all of the phases of a product’s life-cycle

3. CSPA supports a chemicals management program based on sound scientific risk assessment to protect human health and the environment.
4. CSPA supports appropriate use-restrictions for chemical ingredients when scientific safety-based assessments indicate that they cannot be used safely in a consumer product or use application.
5. CSPA supports initiatives among companies, government, and interested parties to promote consumer awareness of the importance of reading and following label instructions for safe product use, storage, and disposal.
6. CSPA supports collaborative efforts to encourage public and private partnerships with the goal of developing “greener” products and “environmentally responsible” ingredients rather than mandatory and voluntary state labeling programs that endorse green products or programs that stipulate a single third-party certification of green products.
7. CSPA supports initiatives that provide incentives for companies that innovate and develop technologically and commercially feasible products using green chemistry.
8. CSPA supports research that identifies opportunities for the use of green chemistry in consumer products and also supports policies designed to overcome barriers to commercial application of green chemistry research and development efforts.
9. CSPA supports recognition for companies that develop sustainable business operations, processes, and/or products.

Essential Green Chemistry Program Principles:

1. Green chemistry should ensure the safety of consumer products through the use of sound science in the decision-making process.
2. A green chemistry program should be designed with guidance from all stakeholder interests.
3. A green chemistry program should be designed to promote products which are technologically and commercially feasible to produce.
4. Green chemistry must foster innovation and not limit the development of new chemistry technologies.
5. A green chemistry program must ensure that product efficacy, performance, and usability are not compromised or undermined.
6. A green chemistry program should build on existing statutory and regulatory structures, voluntary initiatives, and data development efforts.