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AIHA Releases New Formaldehyde Technical Guide and Consumer Fact Sheet

AIHA has released a new formaldehyde technical guide for industry professionals and a formaldehyde fact sheet for consumers who may have questions about formaldehyde emissions in their homes.

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FALLS CHURCH, Va. (July 14, 2015) — The American Industrial Hygiene Association[®] (AIHA) announces the release of two new educational materials focused on formaldehyde, specifically formaldehyde emissions from laminate flooring. The two documents, *Laminate Flooring Outgassing: Technical Guidance* and *Formaldehyde: Is It a Problem in My Home?*, were created by AIHA's Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) Committee Task Force on laminate flooring formaldehyde outgassing.

With recent heightened media attention and pending litigation surrounding potential formaldehyde emissions from laminate flooring produced in China, these documents were created to provide practical information for both consumers and industry professionals alike.

The technical guidance is an advanced document geared toward industry professionals. AIHA's IEQ Committee states, "This technical guidance is intended for industrial hygiene professionals with the formal education, training, and experience necessary to

collect samples capable of measuring indoor concentrations of formaldehyde in a manner that allows meaningful interpretation."

The fact sheet was developed with the consumer in mind. It serves as a resource for consumers who suspect that formaldehyde emissions from laminate flooring in their home may be a danger. The document provides information about:

- what formaldehyde is and its common sources in indoor air
- possible health concerns in its usage in laminate flooring
- what can be done if laminate flooring is subject to formaldehyde outgassing
- additional resources about formaldehyde and laminate flooring

Both documents are now part of AIHA's Formaldehyde Resource Center.

To view and download the complimentary *Formaldehyde: Is It a Problem in My Home?* fact sheet, visit: <u>https://www.aiha.org/publications-and-resources/Pages/AIHA-Formaldehyde-Resource-Center.aspx</u>

To access the AIHA members-only *Laminate Flooring Outgassing: Technical Guidance*, please log in with member credentials here: <u>https://www.aiha.org/membercenter/Pages/Laminate-Flooring-Outgassing.aspx</u>



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