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## **MACY S PLANS TO STOP SELLING FURNITURE WITH TOXIC CHEMICALS**

### **SAFER CHEMICALS AND HEALTHY FAMILIES**

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'We thank and congratulate Macy's for taking this big step to make all sofas safe. This is an important victory for our Mind the Store campaign and millions of Macy's customers nationwide,' said Mike Schade. Mind the Store campaign director of Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families. 'We urge the remaining major retailers who have not acted, like Pier 1 Imports, to follow suit and phase out these unnecessary toxic chemicals once and for all.'

Concerned parents and health advocates had asked Macy's to commit to adopting a policy eliminating the toxic chemicals in furniture by this year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Numerous competing retailers like IKEA, Walmart, and Ashley have already announced that they are phasing out toxic flame retardants in furniture. Some chains like Pier 1 Imports, Rooms to Go, and Berkshire Hathaway's furniture stores have not yet made announcements.

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