Making **Material Health** Part of Your Process

Learn more about material health!

WOMEN for a Healthy ENVIRONMENT

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1 Shop for Certifications

Look for these labels on product webpages, datasheets, and/or packaging:

UL GREENGUARD Gold

SCS Indoor Advantage Gold

Found on all types of **indoor products**

Available for **flooring** products

SCS FloorScore

Available for **carpet** products

CRI Green Label Plus

2 Use Material Databases

Find and specify healthy products with the help of free-to-use material databases:

Ecomedes Product Database
https://products.ecomedes.com/

Search for products by category, manufacturer, certification label, and more.

Declare Database
https://declare.living-future.org/

Use the filters to find 'Red List Free' products—materials free of the building industry's worst-in-class chemicals.

3 Avoid "Worst Offenders"

Choose a problematic chemical or chemical class to research and avoid, such as:



Heavy Metals



Formaldehyde



Synthetic Polymers
(like many plastics)



VOCs
(volatile organic compounds)



Antimicrobials
marketed with a health claim

Learn about the health impacts of these chemicals and more with the **Perkins&Will Precautionary List**

https://transparency.perkinswill.com/lists/precautionary-list

4 Focus on a Product Category

Prioritize the material health of a particular product category, such as paint, flooring, wallboard, or ceiling panels.

INFORMED
https://informed.habitablefuture.org/product-guidance

Habitable's Informed™ Product Guidance can help you identify materials to avoid within a given product category...

1) Choose a product category

2) Eliminate materials ranked red

3) Reduce materials ranked orange

4) Prefer materials ranked yellow or green

- Best in Class
- Better
- Good
- Reduce
- Eliminate
- Worst in Class