

Poisonous Fur

Poisons could be slowly killing you and your children.

Not through your food or through the air but now through clothing - fur clothing.

2015 scientific research has once again proved that fur clothing can be dangerous. Since December 2011, Germany's Spiegel¹, Denmark's Jyllands-Posten², Italy's Today³ and other media have reported the results on the toxicity of fur from 3 different laboratories: Germany's Bremer Umweltinstitut and Intertek and Italy's Buzzi Laboratorio Analisi.

All four studies carried out across Europe between 2011 and 2015 entailed buying clothes with fur and testing them for chemicals - chemicals such as Pentachlorophenol (PCP), Formaldehyde, Chromium VI and heavy metals, that can be absorbed by your porous skin and can cause allergies and cancer and disrupt fertility. The results were shocking and the researchers stated that chronic exposure to toxic substances can be a hidden killer.

The results were alarming for all people who buy fur but more so, for those who buy it for their children. In Italy the tests were carried out on clothes for babies up to 36 months of age and from the brands D&G, Woolrich and Blumarine Baby: the presence of toxic and dangerous substances was confirmed in all of these clothes.⁴

"It is frightening that clothing made for children may contain as many toxic chemicals - I do not think there are many parents who are aware of this. The best thing anyone can do to protect themselves is obviously to avoid fur." explains the Director of ANIMA, Joh Vinding.⁵

In Germany, tests were run on 35 garments from 7 different countries across Europe of the following 24 companies. The Bremer Environmental research centre found that 14% exceeded the legal limits, 83% of the samples were strongly contaminated and critical for health and 3% of the samples were contaminated and not recommended - this means that even with the more prestigious brands such as Gucci, Burberry and Kookai, one may not be safe.⁶

"We knew that fur is the reason for animal abuse and environmental damage but we now find out that our promotion of a Compassionate Lifestyle is also a promotion of a Healthy Lifestyle for consumers in China and their children. We therefore urge you to prefer fur free alternatives in clothing." says Pei F. Su, Director of ACTAsia.

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