

IKEA FAQ

BISPHENOL A

What is Bisphenol A, BPA?

BPA is a chemical used as an ingredient when creating polycarbonate (PC) plastic and other polymeric mixtures, such as epoxy powder coatings. Its properties led to industrial use in for example baby bottles, often transparent and unbreakable.



BÖRJA training beaker
No BPA (Bisphenol A) added

Why the big debate, is BPA dangerous?

Scientific studies have found BPA to cause reproductive harm. The main exposure of BPA is migration from PC plastics into food and water.

Do IKEA products contain BPA?

In 2009 IKEA took the precautionary decision to phase out PC plastic in children's (0-7 years) products and in 2012 in food contact products, due to the risk of PC plastic containing BPA.

BPA is used in production of some coatings, but only in applications where there is a minimum risk of exposure for the customer.

Are all products containing PC plastic harmful?

No. The material as such is not harmful but heating may release emissions that are unwanted. Therefore IKEA have taken the decision to phase out this material in products where one of the functions is heating, e.g. food-contact articles.

