

# Sample Letter for Flame Retardants

Below is a sample letter that you can send. You may also want to send this letter to your federal Member of Parliament.

[Your Name]  
[Your Address]  
[City, Province, Postal Code]  
[Email Address]  
[Date]

Subject: Flame Retardants

As a concerned citizen and someone deeply committed to the well-being of our community, I am writing to express my serious concerns about the use of certain flame retardants in consumer products and construction materials in Canada.

Flame retardants are essential for fire safety, but recent studies have raised alarming questions about their potential health and environmental risks. The well-being of our families, friends, and future generations must be a top priority, and I believe that immediate action is necessary to address this pressing issue.

I call for immediate action to research these chemicals for their potential to sensitize and trigger the disability and medical condition of Multiple Chemical Sensitivities (MCS). People with MCS, at least 1.1 million diagnosed in Canada (Statistics Canada, 2020) suffer untold hardship and spend large amounts of money in order to avoid chemicals. We need healthy tents and camping gear when we experience homelessness or when we are camping.

I am also urging the government to take the following steps to protect public health and the environment:

**Conduct Comprehensive Research:** It is crucial for the government to conduct thorough and comprehensive research on the potential health effects of flame retardants used in various products. This research should also explore the environmental impacts and the extent of exposure among the Canadian population.

**Regulate Harmful Flame Retardants:** Based on the outcomes of the research, I urge the government to implement regulations that restrict or phase out the use of specific flame retardants identified as harmful to human health and the environment.

**Promote Safer Alternatives:** Encourage the development and use of safer flame retardants that do not pose significant health and environmental risks. Supporting innovation and the adoption of safer alternatives can lead to more responsible fire safety practices.

**Increase Public Awareness:** Launch public awareness campaigns to inform Canadians about the potential risks associated with certain flame retardants and ways to minimize exposure. Empowering the public with knowledge will enable them to make informed choices and protect their families.

I strongly believe that taking decisive action in these areas will have a profound and positive impact on the safety and well-being of all Canadians. As members of the public, we have a collective responsibility to protect our communities and the environment for current and future generations.

I kindly request that you give serious consideration to these concerns and work towards implementing effective policies and regulations. Our collective efforts can make a significant difference in ensuring a safer and healthier Canada for everyone.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing about the steps the government intends to take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]