

Doctor's Prescription Information and Guidelines

A doctor's prescription is required for any mattress without a wool wrap that has not been treated with a flame retardant. This procedure is the result of federal law, CFR1633, which was enforced on the 1st of July, 2007. According to CFR1633, all mattress manufacturers are required to use a flame retardant (FR). All mattresses are tested and approved per CFR1633 regulations. This regulation ensures that mattresses provide an adequate amount of escape time for victims trapped in a fire.

This prescription is a one of a kind exemption on a mattress or mattresses for the named individual. In accordance with CFR 1633 the prescription must be requested in conjunction with either illness or injury, and that the addition of Boric would be detrimental for the individual. The Doctor must be a state licensed physician, chiropractor or osteopath. (Includes all 50 states)

Mattress manufacturers do not have to disclose what they use as a flame retardant and may use toxic chemicals that are harmful to humans and/or the environment. Being an ethical and environmentally aware company, we choose to both disclose what we use, and to make sure what we use is safe for both you and the planet.

Our handcrafted futon mattresses that are made with wool require no further treatment as wool is a natural fire retardant. The mattresses we make without the addition of a wool wrap will contain Boric powder – a naturally occurring and safe substance - as a fire retardant. While we know Boric is safe as well as being undetectable to most people, some people may still prefer to have an untreated mattress. We can accommodate that preference once we have a doctor's prescription on file.

About Boric Powder:

Borates (the general term associated with boron containing minerals such as borax and boric powder) most commonly originate in the dried salt lake beds of the desert. Boron is combined with other common elements, such as sodium to make salts like borax and with oxygen to make boric acid.

Boron is considered to be an essential micro-nutrient for plants. Fruits, vegetables, grains and nuts are particularly high in boron, in fact, the average person eats between one to three milligrams of Boron each day as part of a healthy diet. Boric acid also occurs naturally in water and soil. Borates have been used for thousands of years in middle-eastern countries, Greece and China as a food preservative, cleaning agent and as an antiseptic. Boric acid in a diluted solution can be used as an eye wash or to treat yeast and fungal infections (candidiasis). It can also be used for minor burns and cuts.

A study, done by Intertox, Inc. of Seattle, WA, presents conclusive proof that boric acid, under the specific trade name Boron#10(TM), which is sodium polyborate, is not toxic. The report states that the studies indicate no observed adverse health effects from exposure to the small amount of Boron #10 added to cotton batting.

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If you prefer that your futon mattress not be treated with Boric powder, you must fax, mail or e-mail us your prescription before we can release your mattress. The prescription must be for a flame retardant free mattress and must state your full name, doctor's name and signature. A copy of your prescription will be kept on file for a period of no less than three years.

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I, _____ understand that this mattress / cover was manufactured in accordance with a physician's prescription and has not been tested under the Federal Standard for the open flame flammability standard 16 CFR part 1633. Therefore, this mattress may be subject to catch fire if exposed to an open or smoldering flame and has not been tested under the Federal Standard for Flammability of Mattresses (FF 4-72) or the Ignition Standard 16 CFR 1632.

Signature: _____

Date: _____