

SAFETY SENSE

Decks And Playgrounds

(NAPSA)—The EPA recently announced that a common chemical mix—Chromated Copper Arsenate—used to treat exterior wood against insects will be phased out over a three-year period because it contains arsenic. Due to safety concerns, the EPA seeks to reduce long-term exposure to this exterior lumber.



Trex® decking and railing is a safe option for decking and landscaping.

“Children may touch the wood and put their hands in their mouths, increasing their chances of future health risks,” said Tom Kraeutler, radio and TV home improvement expert. “This EPA action is likely to send homeowners looking for safe alternative for decks, playgrounds and picnic furniture.”

A safe alternative Kraeutler, co-host of the “Money Pit” radio show, talks about is a decking and railing product called Trex® that has a 10-year track record in harsh environments like the Florida Everglades and New Jersey shorelines, where it was used for boardwalks. Trex products are code listed by the nation’s three major building code agencies, and come in a variety of colors and profiles.

Experts say this innovative lumber product is made of about half recycled plastic, such as grocery bags, and about half waste wood. It’s splinter free, won’t rot, insects hate it and it’s free of toxic chemicals.

For more information about safe alternative decking lumber, please visit www.trex.com.