

# If you say burning PVC is dangerous...

## *You're talking a load of old rubbish.*



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Stories have been circulating which claim that PVC is a major culprit in adding to the dioxin levels in the atmosphere. The stories even suggest PVC should not be burned with household waste in an incinerator. What a load of old rubbish! The truth is that burning practically anything can create dioxins - smoking a cigarette, driving a motor car, lighting a bonfire or even forest fires and volcanic eruptions!

The European manufacturers of PVC are major businesses of international repute. Their manufacturing processes meet the highest environmental standards and they will no longer tolerate being blamed for dioxin levels.

In any case, research shows that dioxin levels in the UK and Europe are declining and only a tiny proportion of global dioxin emissions comes from the European PVC industry - much less than from most other industrial and natural sources.

It is a similar picture when it comes to burning PVC. Tests at a leading waste incineration plant provide evidence that burning household waste, which includes PVC, in modern incinerators makes no difference to dioxin emissions. So if PVC were absent from our lives - and therefore our dustbins - dioxin levels would not change.

So why pick on PVC? Surely there are more burning issues which concern us all about the environment. If you hear stories about PVC - and you're worried that there is no smoke without fire - ask us for the facts first.



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