

The Health Assessment and Toxicology Program



Working together to keep you and your family safe.

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The Health Assessment and Toxicology (HAT) Program is part of The Texas Department of State Health Services. We work to understand how toxic chemicals in the environment could affect Texans' health.

Our Mission

HAT works to protect people from natural and man-made harmful chemicals.

What We Do

We research the human health impacts of environmental pollution. We investigate sites where people may come into contact with chemicals. We recommend evidence-based actions to keep people safe.

We work with the **Agency for Toxic Substances Disease Registry (ATSDR)**. With ATSDR, we identify those at risk of exposure to harmful chemicals. And then we work to find solutions to prevent exposure.

Learn more about our ATSDR partnership at atsdr.cdc.gov.

How We Fulfill Our Mission

- Review environmental data.
- Determine if people are coming into contact with harmful chemicals.
- Investigate if these substances could affect human health.
- Give technical assistance when asked.
- Provide health education to reduce or prevent exposure.