

Plastic balloon stick and balloon tie

How to decide if this plastic product is banned

Issued July 2024

EPA 1153/24: The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has developed a series of guides to assist business, industry, and community in determining whether a product is prohibited under the Single-Use and Other Plastic (Waste Avoidance) Act 2020. These documents serve as guidance tools, offering a structured pathway to help users assess the compliance status of various products.

Introduction

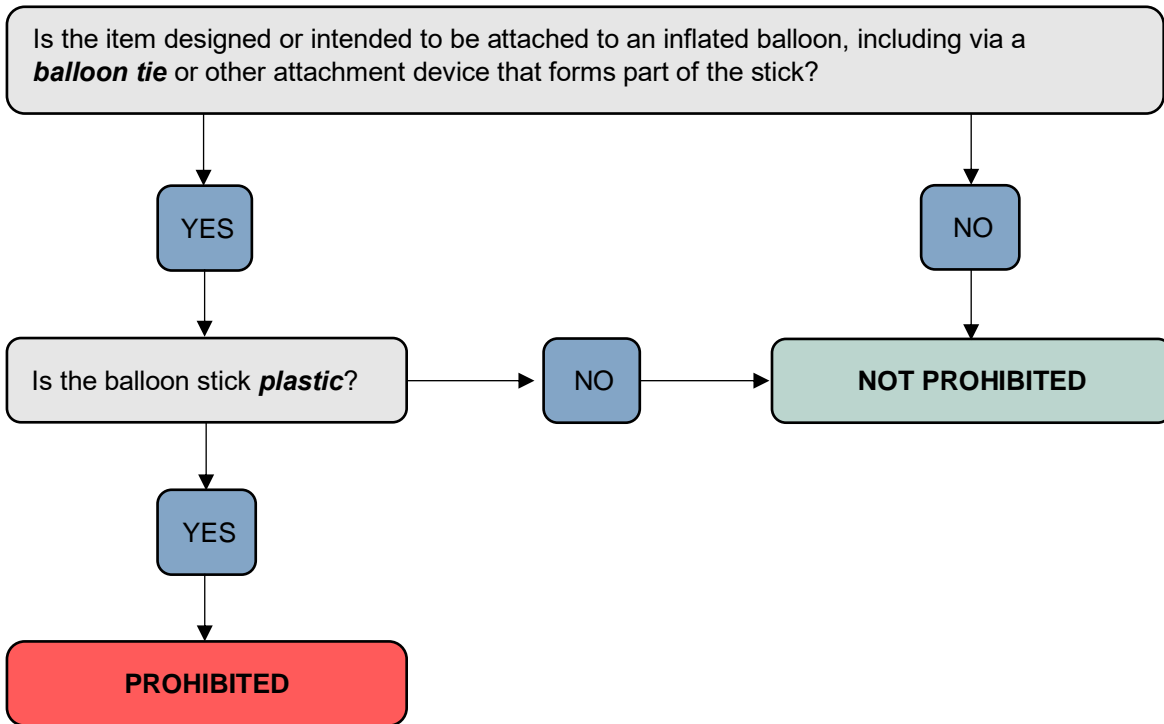
From 1 September 2024, the ban on single-use plastics will include plastic balloon sticks and ties, plastic food bag tags, plastic barrier bags and shopping bags, plastic confetti, prescribed food containers and lids, and single-use plastic beverage cups and lids.

In this guideline, users can follow the step-by-step questions provided on the next page to understand if a product falls under the prohibition. To navigate the document, users should follow the flow of questions and branches that lead to potential outcomes based on their specific product scenarios. However, it is important to note that the results derived from these documents are to assist people to understand if a particular product is prohibited. It is not to be considered as legal advice.

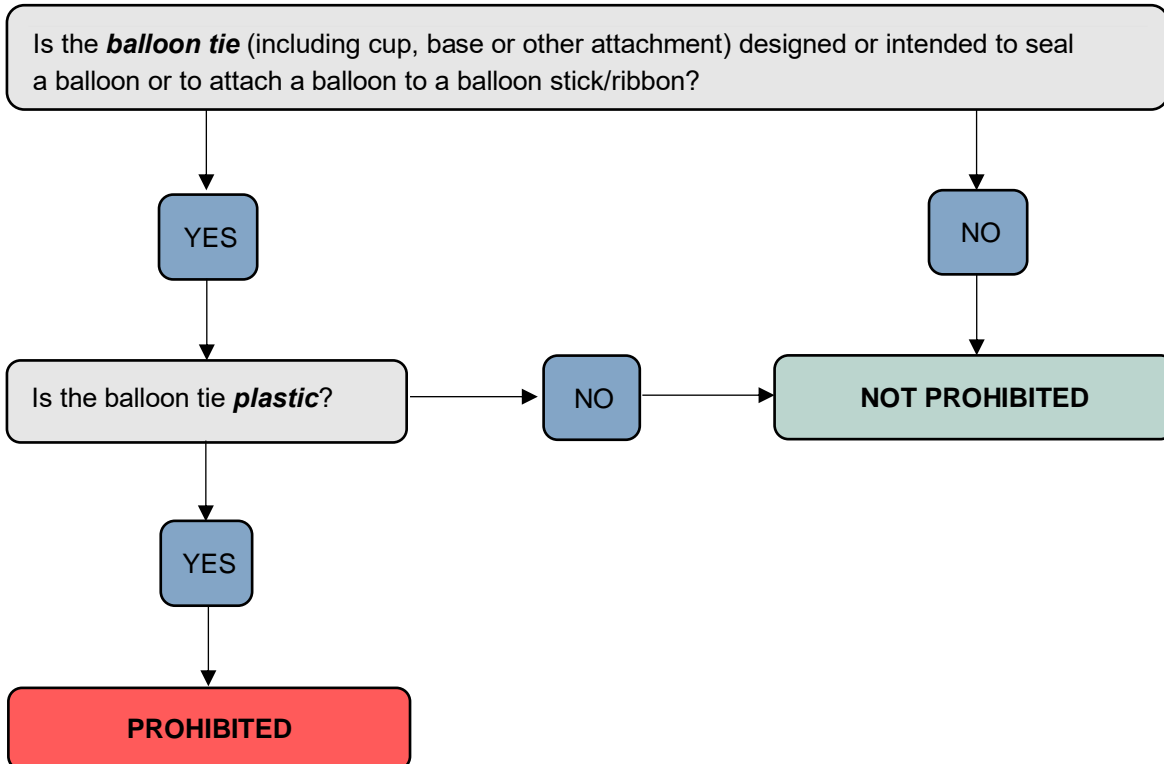
If you have further questions about if a product is prohibited, please contact the EPA at EPASUPteam@sa.gov.au.

If you would like information regarding reusable or compostable alternatives to plastic products, please visit the [Replace the Waste](#) website.

Balloon stick



Balloon tie



Legislated definitions

Plastic means a material made from, or comprising, organic polymers, whether plant extracts or of fossil fuel origin. Note this definition includes 'alternative' plastics such as compostable and a specific exemption must be in the legislation if this alternative is permitted to be used for this item.

Plastic product means a product comprised, in whole or in part, of plastic.

Legislation

Single-use and Other Plastic Products (Waste Avoidance) Regulations 2021 under *Single-use and Other Plastic Products (Waste Avoidance) Act 2020*

3A Definition of prohibited plastic product (section 6(1)(h) of Act)—inclusions

Balloon stick means a stick designed or intended to be attached to an inflated balloon and includes a stick with a cup, base or other attachment device that forms part of the stick;

Balloon tie means—

- (a) a device that is designed or intended to be attached to a balloon to seal the balloon; or
- (b) a cup, base or other attachment device that is designed or intended to attach a balloon to a balloon stick or ribbon,

but does not include—

- (c) a ribbon; or
- (d) garland tape;

Garland tape means flexible tape with small holes designed or intended to allow multiple balloons to be placed together to create a decoration;

Exemptions

Nil

Disclaimer

The criteria and approach in this document are provided for information and guidance only. It is not definitive, and is not legal or regulatory advice. The EPA reserves the right to use its discretion to determine whether an item is banned and to take regulatory action. You may wish to obtain your own advice if you are unsure whether your item is prohibited.

Further information

Legislation

[Online legislation](#) is freely available.

General information

Environment Protection Authority
GPO Box 2607
Adelaide SA 5001
Telephone: (08) 8204 2004
Website: [https://
www.epa.sa.gov.au](https://www.epa.sa.gov.au) Email:
EPASUPteam@sa.gov.au