

Executive Orders

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 128

WHEREAS, There has been a reported death attributed to the ingestion of Tylenol capsules adulterated with cyanide, and there have been reports by the federal Food and Drug Administration of other instances of the adulteration of Tylenol capsules with cyanide; and

WHEREAS, There has been a nationwide warning issued against the sale, distribution and use of Tylenol capsules by the federal Food and Drug Administration and the manufacturer of the product; and

WHEREAS, Further investigations, sampling and analyses are necessary in order to obtain definite information as to the nature and extent of the adulteration of this product and to determine what action, if any, will be required to adequately safeguard public health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, At this time, in view of the unknown magnitude of the risk involved, it is appropriate to proceed with an abundance of caution and to take extraordinary measures to protect the public health, safety and welfare;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Thomas H. Kean, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. I invoke such emergency powers as are conferred upon me by the Laws of 1942, chapter 251 (C. App. A :9-33 et seq.), and amendments and supplements thereto.

2. All Tylenol capsules and Tylenol-containing capsules shall be removed from all store shelves and the sale and distribution of those drug products shall be and hereby are banned in the State of New Jersey.

3. The Commissioner of Health is hereby authorized and directed to take such emergency measures as he may determine to be necessary in order to implement this Order and take whatever steps are necessary and proper to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this State.

4. The Commissioner of Health is hereby authorized to permit the sale and distribution of Tylenol capsules and Tylenol-containing capsules when he is satisfied that such action can be taken consistent with the public health, safety and welfare.

5. It shall be the duty of every person in this State or doing business in this State and of the members of the governing body, and of each and every official, agency or employee of every political subdivision in this State and of each member of all other governmental bodies, agencies and authorities in this State of any nature whatsoever, to cooperate fully in all matters concerning this emergency.

6. All citizens of this State are directed to comply and assist in carrying out this directive and any subsequent directive issued by the Commissioner of Health pursuant to the powers delegated hereunder. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Order or any rules, regulations or orders issued pursuant hereto, or who shall impede or interfere with the implementation of this Order, or any rules, regulations or orders issued pursuant hereto, shall be subject to the penalties provided by C. App. A:9-49.

7. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued February 14, 1986.

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WHEREAS, The New Jersey Governor's School Program has been a successful effort to help foster excellence in education during its first two years of operation; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Governor's School Program is designed to provide an environment which will stimulate, develop, and challenge the minds of gifted and talented New Jersey high school students; and