SEX TOYS ‘SAFER THAN KIDS TOYS: SWEDISH STUDY

STOCKHOLM: Fewer sex toys contain dangerous chemicals than children's toys, a Swedish government authority said in support of a report in 2011, the agency flagged food-related dangerous chemicals, including lead, in 45 percent of children's toys in Sweden. The proportion of surveyed sex toys that contained chemicals was two percent, making these products safer than children's toys in terms of exposure to chemicals. ‘This was a bit surprising,’ Frida Hamstrom, an inspector for the agency, told AFP. ‘Now the first time we did such a study. Among the 44 products investigated, one plastic dildo was found to contain chlorphonium, which is supposed to be a carcinogenic substance, the Swedish Chemicals Agency said. Flemming Christoffersen, an Italian researcher on regulating chemicals in food products, was not so sure of the sex toys. These products are used close to the body and one (therefore) chooses better chemicals,’ Flemming Christoffersen, an inspector for the Swedish Chemicals Agency said. But she said many kids toys are not designed for children — or adults — to rub against to toughen demand over safety of the products. Three of the 44 sex toys, made of leather and bondage materials, were found with carcinogenic plasticizers around the body, at levels above 0.1 percent. Lead, bisphenol A endocrine disruptors banned in sex toy was on the EU list of banned chemicals, the agency advised. ‘It can affect the hormonal balance and cause infertility. —AFP it.'