



# Know the Presence of POPs

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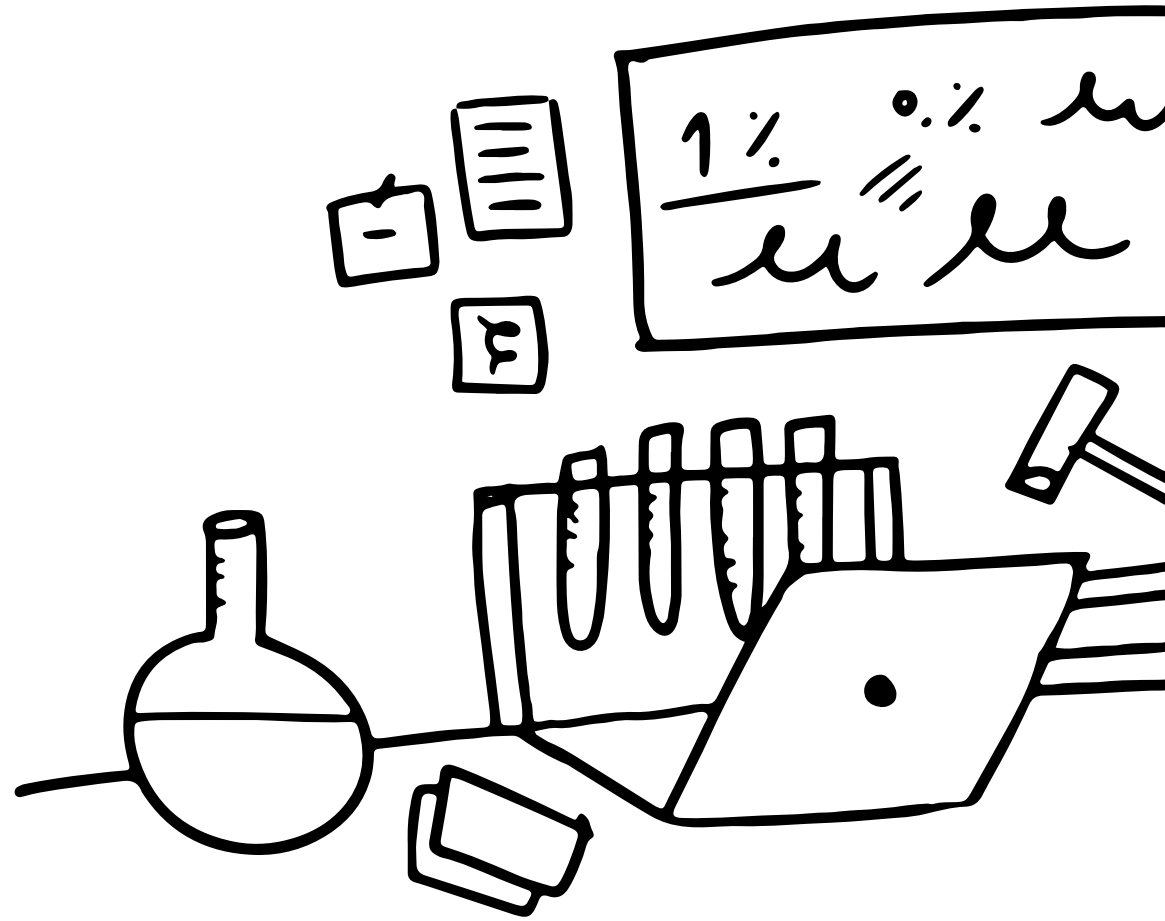
Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) are toxic chemicals that persist in the environment, travel for long distances, and bioaccumulate in living organisms, posing significant risks to human health and the environment.

Addressing the presence of POPs is not the sole responsibility of one stakeholder or another. Everyone can make a difference.



## 1. Scientists and Researchers

- Conduct studies and monitoring programs to assess POPs levels, sources, and their impacts.
- Provide scientific evidence to support policy decisions and regulatory actions.
- Develop innovative solutions for safe alternatives and eco-friendly practices across sectors.



## 2. Government and Policy Makers

- Request scientific evidence for enactment and enforcement of strict regulations on the production, use, and disposal of POPs.
- Allocate resources for research, monitoring, and clean-up efforts.
- Foster international cooperation and adherence to global agreements like the Stockholm Convention.



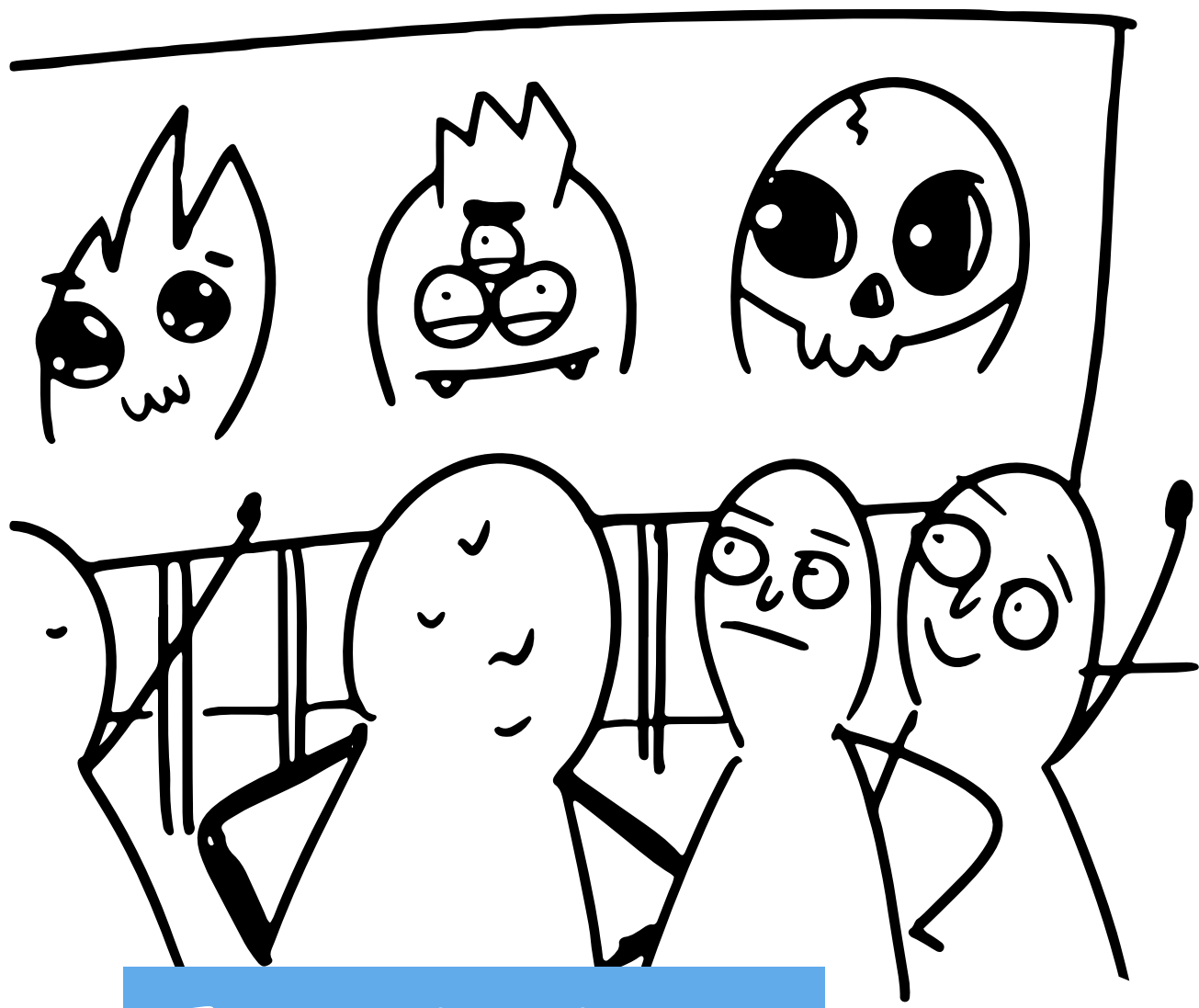
## 3. Industries and Manufacturers

- Develop and adopt safer alternatives to POPs in manufacturing processes and products.
- Promote sustainable practices, waste reduction, and responsible supply chains.
- Support regular monitoring to prevent unintentional emissions.



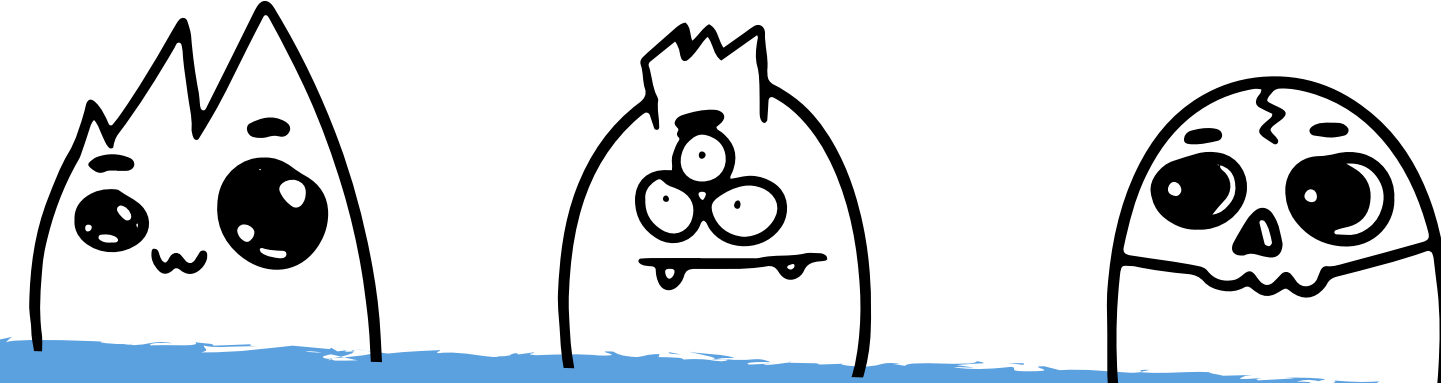
## 4. Civil Society and NGOs

- Raise awareness among the public about the presence and risks of POPs.
- Advocate for effective regulations, transparency, and accountability for sound management of POPs and waste.
- Support community-based initiatives for clean-up and prevention.



## 5. Individuals

- Be aware of the common routes of exposure to POPs in daily surroundings and take precautionary actions.
- Make informed choices in purchasing products and materials that are free from POPs.
- Reduce plastic consumption, recycle properly, and support circular economy initiatives.
- Support POPs monitoring, information sharing and actions on sound management of chemicals and waste.



Together, we can work towards a healthier and safer future for ourselves and the planet.