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Toxin No. 1 – Animal Fats, Oils + Musks: Commonly collected from mink, emu + sharks. Often used in soaps, lubricants, salves + cosmetics.

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**Toxin No. 2** – Benzalkonium Chloride: Used as a disinfectant + antiseptic in moisturizers + sanitizers. A severe irritant to the immune, skin + respiratory systems.

Toxin No. 3 – Benzophenone + Derivatives: Common in personal care products such as nail polishes + sunscreen. Linked to cancer + considered an endocrine disruptor.

**Toxin No. 4** – Bisphenol A (BPA): Used to harden plastic found in containers, bottles + linings. Acts as a hormone disruptor, especially concerning the development of fetuses, infants + children.

Toxin No. 5 — Butoxyethanol: Used as a solvent or fragrance additive in perfumes + hair color. Causes severe irritation to skin + respiratory tract, potentially carcinogenic.

**Toxin No. 6** – BHA + BHT: Food + cosmetic additives used to extend shelf life. Likely carcinogenic + may cause liver damage.

**Toxin No. 7** – Coal Tar: A derivative of coal, contaminated with heavy metals that are toxic to the brain. Used in hair dye + shampoo.

Toxin No. 8 – 1,4-Dioxane: A by-product of the manufacturing of other chemicals commonly found in toiletries + is a known animal carcinogen + probable human carcinogen. Irritant to the skin, eyes + respiratory system. Toxin No. 9 — Endocrine Disruptors: Interferes with the endocrine system, can cause health effects such as reduced fertility, birth defects, impaired immune functions, developmental disorders + various cancers.

Toxin No. 10 – Ethylenediaminetetraacetic Acid (EDTA): Found in hair products + moisturizers as a binding agent + stabilizer. May be toxic to organs + can cause adverse reproductive + developmental effects on the body.

Toxin No. 11 – Ethanolamines (MEA/DEA/TEA, Cocamide MEA, Diethanolamine, Cocamide DEA, Lauramide DEA, Linoleamide DEA, Oleamide DEA, Triethanolamine TEA): Found in hair dyes, cosmetics, fragrances + cleaning solvents, used as a surfactant + pH adjuster. Corrosive to the skin. Linked to causing allergies, disruptions in hormones + inhibited fetal brain development.

Toxin No. 12 – Formaldehyde: Used as a preservative in cosmetics + body products, is a known carcinogen linked to health problems including headaches, allergies, asthma, neurotoxicity + developmental toxicity.

Toxin No. 13 – Hydroquinone: Used as a skin lightener to diminish age spots + acne scars. Linked to cancer, is also known to cause serious skin irritations + organ toxicity.

Toxin No. 14 – Methyl Cellosolve: Used as a fragrance + solvent in anti-aging creams, moisturizers + serums. Is a skin irritant + possible neurotoxin. Exposure can cause DNA mutations that could lead to cancer.

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Toxin No. 15 — Methylisothiazolinone + Methylchloroisothiazolinone: Hethylchloroisothiazolinone: such as shampoos, conditioners + body washes + may be linked to nerve damage.

Toxin No. 16 – Mercury + Mercury Compounds (also listed as Thimerosal): Used as a preservative + antiseptic in products such as ear drops, eye drops + mascara. Known as a dangerous neurotoxin that can cause serious damage to normal brain functions.

**Toxin No. 17** – Mineral Oil (also listed as Liquid Paraffin; Liquid Petrolatum; Paraffin Oil):

A by-product of the petroleum distillation process that produces gasoline. Carries the toxins found in petroleum. Used in skincare products such as baby lotions, cold creams + ointments, causes dermatitis.

Toxin No. 18 – Oxybenzone:
Often found in sunscreens + moisturizers.
Attributed to skin irritation + sensitivity,
skin allergies + possible hormone
disruption including estrogen.

Toxin No. 19 – Parabens (Methyl-, Isobutyl-, Proply- + Others): Prevents growth of bacteria + mold within cosmetics. Can disrupt the endocrine system + alter naturally occurring hormone processes within the body. Mimic the hormone estrogen, linked to play a role in triggering breast cancer.

Toxin No. 20 – Phthalates (Diethyl Phthalate (DEP), Dimethyl Phthalate (DMP), Dibutyl Phthalate (DBP) + Others): Plasticize ingredients within cosmetics to make them more pliable. Have been linked to disrupting the endocrine + reproductive systems causing infertility + possible birth defects.

**Toxin No. 21** — Polyethylene Glycol (PEG Compounds):

Used in cosmetics such as creams + sunscreens to act as a thickener + solvent. May be contaminated with measurable amounts of carcinogenic chemicals, linked to incidences of uterine + breast cancers.

Toxin No. 22 – Resorcinol: Commonly used as a colorant + fragrance ingredient, a known skin irritant that is toxic to the immune system. Disrupts organ function.

Toxin No. 23 – Silicone (ingredients ending in –Siloxane, -Cone, - Dimethicone or –Methicone): Man-made polymer often used in cosmetics to soften the skin + hair. Can

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systems. Has been linked to infertility. **Toxin No. 24** – Sodium Lauryl Sulfate +
Sodium Laureth Sulfate (SLS + SLES):
Surfactants found in shampoo, body wash + bubble baths. Known to trigger allergic reactions + irritate the skin + eyes.

Toxin No. 25 – Synthetic Colors (F D +C Blue Toxin No. 1):
Synthetic colors commonly added to foods + cosmetics despite their health risks. Considered contaminated with known carcinogens + can also be the cause of allergic reactions + sensitivity.

Toxin No. 26 — Synthetic Fragrance/Parfum:
Added to cosmetics as an engineered scent or flavoring agent. Can disrupt the endocrine system + alter hormones.
Linked to triggering allergic reactions + skin irritations, causing migraines + affecting normal brain activity. Their formulas are protected under federal laws classification of trade secrets + can remain undisclosed.

Toxin No. 27 – Toluene: Used in nail polishes + hair dyes. Dangerous to the immune + central nervous system. Can be inhaled or absorbed, has been linked to developmental problems such as birth defects.

**Toxin No. 28** — Triclosan + Triclocarban: Used as a bactericide in personal care products. Applying this chemical to the skin can disrupt the endocrine system + impact the human reproductive system by imitating estrogen.

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## STEER CLEAR OF THESE NASTY TOXINS LURKING IN YOUR COSMETICS

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