

Ingredients to Avoid in Personal Care & Beauty Products

INGREDIENT	FOUND IN	HEALTH EFFECTS
Triclosan	Antibacterial products, including dish soap, some school supplies, and hand sanitizer	Endocrine Disruptor Linked to increased allergies
DEA, MEA, & TEA	Soaps, shampoos, conditioner, baby wash, hand soaps	 Linked to liver tumors Risk of contamination with nitrosamines (known cancer- causers)
Sodium Lauryl Sulfate	Soaps, shampoos, bubble bath, body wash, face soap, toothpaste, shaving cream	 Can be contaminated with different carcinogens Linked to hair loss (in shampoo) Highly irritating to the skin May be a cause of canker sores (when in toothpaste)
Mineral Oil	Eye shadow, blush, lip gloss, lotions, hair products,	 Inhibits skin's oil production Can prevent the release of toxins through the skin Possibly contaminated with cancer-causing hydrocarbons
Phthalates	Mascara, nail polish, and can hide under the term "fragrance"	 Known as a probable human carcinogen Act as endocrine disruptors Linked to lower IQ with prenatal exposure
Fragrance	Hair care, cosmetics, baby wipes, body wash, bubble bath, nail polish, perfumes, body wash, bubble bath, body spray, hand sanitizer, etc.	 Can be made up of dozens to hundreds of chemicals, including some that act as endocrine disruptors, are linked to cancer, & lower IQ Considered to be a "trade secret," so individual ingredients are not required to be disclosed
Parabens	 Shampoo, deodorant, shave gels, moisturizers, lotions, sunscreens The most common are methylparaben, propylparaben, buytlparaben, and ethylparaben 	 Act as endocrine disruptors Have been found in biopsied breast cancer tumors
Methylisothiazolinone	Shampoos, baby wipes, sunscreens, moisturizers	 Strong allergen May be toxic to the immune system May be toxic to the brain & nervous system
*Formaldehyde Releasers (Quaternium-15, Dlazolidinyl Urea, DMDM Hydantoin, Formalin)	Nail polish, bubble bath, baby wipes, body wash, hair care	Formaldehyde is a known cancer-causerLinked to organ damage
*1,4 Dioxane (Sodium Laureth Sulfate, PEG ingredients, anything that ends in -eth [trideceth, myreth, etc.])	Bubble bath, baby wipes, body wash, hair care	 Probable human carcinogen Toxic to kidneys & nervous system