

Baby Wipes and Baby Lotion Dangers

Propylene glycol has severe adverse health effects. It caused skin rash, deafness, kidney damage, and liver problems in scientific and animal studies. This chemical damages cell membranes, leading to rashes, dry skin and surface damage of the skin. One researcher advises caution when propylene glycol is used on the skin, even in the laboratory. Another study warns that animals and humans are both at risk when taking medicines containing propylene glycol.

Why Haven't I heard About These Harmful Chemicals Before Now?

Information on these damaging chemicals has been available for several years, but it hasn't been publicized outside the medical community. Your own doctor probably doesn't know about this problem yet (you may want to show him or her this flyer).

Our research indicates that it can take up to 20 years for scientific health information to become general knowledge. Certain companies are already taking steps (look for baby wipes that have aloe, because many of these have no propylene glycol). You will be hearing about this problem. But you don't have to wait to protect your family! There are safe products you can buy right now. In some cases-the safe products will even cost less. Don't wait for the evening news in the year 2000 to warn you about this real risk to your children's health. Safeguard yourself and your family today.

HOW CAN I KEEP MY CHILDREN SAFE?

What You Can Do Now:

- * Check your shampoos, toothpaste, liquid soaps, lotions, sun-block products, and baby wipes for sodium lauryl sulfate and propylene glycol. Throw away any products with these ingredients.
- * Replace products containing these chemicals with safer alternatives. If you're not sure what is safe, you can call us at the number on the last page.
- * Help us reach other parents! Children under 6 are in special danger of eye damage and possible blindness. If you are concerned about other families with children, we will send free information to parents, doctors and contact you provide.