

American Latex Allergy Association

Latex-Free Consumer Products

Note: This list is a guideline for informational purposes only. It is very difficult to obtain full and accurate information on the latex content of products, which may vary between companies and product series. The American Latex Allergy Association disclaims any legal responsibility associated with the use of any products on this list. All individuals and professionals must obtain written verification of non-latex status from the product supplier before use with latex-allergic individuals. Many of these companies also carry latex products. Please contact the American Latex Allergy Association at alert@latexallergyresources.org or 1-888-972-5378 to share information you obtain about products not listed. This product list is the property of the American Latex Allergy Association and may not be duplicated or reproduced without written permission.

***The bold items in the first column of each section may contain natural rubber latex. The items in the second column are latex-free alternatives, unless otherwise noted.**

Decorative Supplies

Balloons

- Mylar, vinyl, or plastic balloons
- **Mister Balloon** (866-512-5666)

School/Office Supplies

*Note: All RoseArt products are latex free.
†SEE CRAYOLA GUIDELINES BELOW

Adhesives

- **3M** (800-494-3552) - Scotch Magic Tape, Post-Its, 3650 Storage Tape, Transparent Duct Tape (but regular duct tape is NOT latex free), Command Poster Strips, Command Interlocking Fasteners, Scotch Adhesive Putty

Calculator Buttons

- Texas Instruments calculators are latex free.

Erasers

- **Sanford** (800-323-0749) - All eraser products are latex-free EXCEPT Arrowhead Cap Erasers, Design Kneaded Rubber Eraser, Union Eraser, Pink Pearl Eraser, Pink Pet, Paper Mate Eraser Mate, Paper Mate Eraser Max
- **RoseArt** (800-272-9667) - All erasers are latex free
- **Faber-Castell** (800-642-2288) - White vinyl erasers
- **Baumgarten's** (800-247-5547) - Neon erasers
- Pental - Click Erasers
- Soap erasers

Glue/Paste

- **Elmer's** (888-435-6377) - All glue EXCEPT rubber cement, Sno-Drift paste
- **Crayola** (800-272-9652) - All glue
- **Avery** (800-462-8379) - All glue sticks
- **3M** (800-494-3552) - Scotch glue sticks

Note: Envelope and stamp glue may contain natural rubber latex. Use a moist rag to wet glue rather than licking.

Modeling Clay

- **Polyform Products Co.** (847-427-0020) - Granitex, Sculpey, Sculpey III, Super Elasticlay, Super Sculpey
- **Crayola** (800-272-9652) - Crayola Dough, Crayola Modeling Clay, Crayola Model Magic, Silly Putty
- **Hasbro** (800-327-8264) - Play-Doh
- **RoseArt** (800-272-9667) - Modeling Clay

Mouse Pads

- **3M** (888-364-3577) - Precise Mousing Surface with or without Gel Wrist Rest
- **Quill** (800-982-3400)
- Vinyl sheeting can be cut into pad-sized squares

Note: It is necessary to eliminate all natural rubber latex mouse pads from the home, as proteins from the pads can be "picked up" and transported throughout the home

Paint

- **Crayola** (800-272-9652) - All Crayola Paints including Artista II, Watercolors, Washable Paint, Finger Paint, Powder Paint, and Liquid Tempera Paint
- **RoseArt** (800-272-9667) - All paints

Pen/Pencil Grips

- **Hoyle Products, Inc.** (800-345-1950) - All Hoyle grips are made of vinyl and are latex-free

Pens

- **Sanford** (800-323-0749) - All Pens
- **RoseArt** (800-272-9667) - All Pens
- **PaperMate** (630-481-2200) - ZeZe Ball Point Pens, Silhouette Ball Point Pens, Comfort Grip Pens, Dynagrip Pens, Flexgrip Pens

Rubber Bands

- **Baumgarten's** (800-247-5547) - Plasti Bands
- Latex-free bands can be ordered through Home Depot
- **Alliance Rubber Company** (1-800-626-5940)

Infants/Children

Diapers/Rubber Pants

- **Kimberly Clark** (800-544-1847) - Huggies, Pull-Ups, GoodNites

Feeding Nipples

- **Gerber** (800-4-GERBER) - Silicone (read label, some are latex)
- **Evenflo** (800-233-5921) - Silicone (read label, some are latex)
- **MAM** - Silicone (read label, some are latex)

Pacifiers

- Use plastic, silicone, or vinyl
- **Gerber** (800-4-GERBER) Silicone (read label, some are latex)
- **Evenflo** (800-233-5921) - Silicone (read label, some are latex)
- **Playtex** (800-222-0453) - Binky

Tooth Massager

- Most are synthetic - please check with the manufacturer
- **Oral B** (800-566-7252)
- **Crest** - Reach soft bristle
- **Butler** (888-777-3101) - GUM toothbrushes

Toys

Especially: Rubber Ducky, Teething Toys, Stretch Armstrong, Old Barbies, Technics

- Use plastic, cloth, or vinyl
- Many toys are latex free - please check with the manufacturer
- **Mattel** (800-524-8697)
- **Fisher Price** (800-432-5437)
- **Little Tykes** (800-321-0183)
- **Ohio Art** (800-641-6226)
- **Hasbro** (800-327-8264)
- **Playskool** (800-752-9755)
- **Parker Bros.** (888-836-7025)

- **Milton Bradley** (888-836-7025)
- **Discovery Toys** (800-341-8697)
- **The First Years** (800-225-0382)
- **Safety First/Cosco** (800-544-1108)
- **Lego** (800-422-5346)
- **Evenflo/Gerry** (800-233-5921)
- **Gerber** (800-4-GERBER)
- **Graco/Century** (800-345-4109)
- **Power Wheels** (800-348-0751)

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Household Products

Adhesives

- **3M** (800-494-3552) - Scotch Magic Tape, Post-Its, 3650 Storage Tape, Transparent Duct Tape (but regular duct tape is NOT latex free), Command Poster Strips, Command Interlocking Fasteners, Scotch Adhesive Putty

Auto Mats/Steering Wheel

- Use vinyl, clear, fabric, or leather floor mats
- Cover steering wheel with latex-free cover

Bath Mats/Rugs

- **Safety.com** - Vinyl bath mat
- Cotton rugs without rubber backing
- **Foam Products** (800-526-3626) - Synthetic non-skid pads

Buttons on Phone/Remotes/Calculators

- Most are silicone rubber. Check with manufacturer
- Texas Instruments calculators are latex free

Drain Stoppers

- **W2 Products** - Silicone Magic Plug

Earphones

- **Plantronics** (800-544-4660, Ext.5538) - H series (H31, H41, H51, H61, H81) and Polaris models (P31, P41, P51, P61, P81) are latex free
- **Avid Products** (888-575-2843)

Foam Rubber

- Synthetic foam

Food Storage/ Zippered Bags

- **Ziploc** (800-494-4855)
- Kerr (800-240-3340) - canning jar lid seal is latex free
- Yoplait yogurt - Glue sealing lid onto container is latex free
- Use wax paper, HandiWrap, or Saran wrap

Garden Hoses

Gaskets

Gloves (Kitchen/Household)

- Vinyl
- Neoprene, silicone
- Use vinyl, neoprene, nitrile, polymer gloves
- **Allerderm** (800-365-6868) - Nitrile, vinyl
- **Kimberly Clark** (800-544-1847) - Safeskin
- **Maxxim** (800-346-8849) - Sensicare, Tru-Touch, Aloetouch, Accutouch, MediGuard
- **Regent** (800-843-8497) - Neotech, Skinsense

Glue (Envelopes/Stamps)

Phone Receiver/Shoulder Rest

- Moisten with a wet cloth instead of licking
- Avoid direct contact with skin
- See above entry for latex-free earphones

Plants (Fiscus/Poinsettia)

Silk Flowers (Latex Stem)

Spatulas

- Don't let sap touch skin
- Avoid contact with skin
- Use wooden, plastic, or synthetic
- Pampered Chef

Tools with Rubber Handles

- Use vinyl or leather handles
- Cover with latex-free tape

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Clothing

Undergarments/Elastic

- **Hygeia** - Latex-free underwear
- **Decent Exposures** (800-524-4949) - Latex-free elastic for bras, underwear, swim suits
- **Blue Canoe** (888-923-1373) - Latex-free clothing
- **Vermont Country Store** (802-362-8460) - Latex-free socks
- **Dr. Leonard's Healthcare Catalog** (800-785-0880) - Non-binding, latex-free cotton socks
- **TechSpun** (800-392-8500) - Latex-free socks
- Kathy Ireland cotton/lycra/nylon (Kmart)
- Cotton socks without elastic
- **Cottonique** (1-888-90-COTTON) - Latex-free bras, underwear, t-shirts & boxers. (for both men and women)

Pantyhose

- Lycra-Spandex
- L'eggs (800-925-3447)
- Tuck clothing under elastic waistband

Raincoats

- Neoprene-coated nylon

Shoes/Rubber Boots

- **P.W. Minor** (585-343-1500) - Rubber-free sport shoe
- Gempler's PVC waterproof boots (800-382-8473)
- **Minnetonka** (718-365-7033) - Moccasins
- **Superfeet** (800-634-6618)
- Crocs (877-238-4404) Latex-free clogs, boots, and flip-flops

Stretch Fabrics (Some)

- **DuPont** (800-441-7515) - Lycra/Spandex

Swimsuits

- **Suits Me Swimwear** (352-666-1485)
- **Decent Exposures** (800-524-4949)

T-Shirts with Appliqués

- Avoid contact of appliqué with skin

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Personal Products

Contraception

- **Durex** (770-582-2222) - Avanti
- **Trojan** - Supra
- **The Female Health Company** (312-595-9123) - FC Female Condom
- **Milex** (800-621-1278) - Silicone diaphragm
- **FemCap** - FDA-approved, latex-free contraceptive device

Cosmetics/Applicators

- **All Natural Cosmetics** (888-586-9719)
- **Clinique** (800-419-4041)
- **Luminescence**
- **Revlon** (800-473-8566) - All products are latex free, including applicator foam wands and puffs, and pads on eyelash curlers
- **Qosmedix** (631-242-3270) - Latex-free applicator sponges
- Use cotton balls or brushes

Note: Cosmetics may contain papain, a papaya derivative that can cross react with latex.

Incontinence Supplies

- **Kimberly Clark** (800-544-1847) - Depend, Poise
- **First Quality** (516-829-3030)
- **Tranquility** (800-467-3224)
- **Health Pursuit** - Adult protective disposable underwear

Sanitary Pads

- **Kimberly Clark** (800-335-6839) - Kotex
- **NatraCare** (303-617-3476)
- **Gladrags** (800-799-4523)
- **Diva Cup** (866-444-3482) - Reusable silicone cup
- **Mooncup** - Reusable silicone cup

Skin Care

- **VMV Hypoallergenic**
All products and applicators are latex-free. Each raw material, ingredient, product and applicator is patch-tested for their hypoallergenicity.

Toothbrush Handles

- Most are synthetic - please check with the manufacturer
- **Oral B** (800-566-7252)
- **Crest** - Reach soft bristle
- **Butler** (888-777-3101) - GUM toothbrushes

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Home Medical Supplies

Bandages

- Sterile dressing with paper, silk, or cloth tape (See below for more medical tape options)
- **Johnson & Johnson** (866-565-2873) - Advanced Healing and Activ Flex Band-Aids are latex free
- **Kendall** (800-962-9888) - Curity bandages are latex free
- **3M** (800-328-6276) NexCare Active Foam bandages are latex free
- Latex in packaging only: Readi-Bandages, Active Strip (3M), CURAD Neon, Johnson & Johnson Band-Aid Brand

Braces/Splints

- Use cloth or felt to cover foam lining

Crutches

- Cover pads/grips with cloth or tape
- **Crutchtips.com** (800-227-8498) - latex-free crutch pads and grips

Medical Tape

- Cloth, paper, or silk tape
- **Johnson & Johnson** (866-565-2873) - Hurt Free
- **3M** - Transpore, Durapore, Micropore

Wheelchair Seat/Tire/Brake

- Cover seat with fabric or neoprene cushion
- Wear leather gloves to turn wheels
- **ROHO** (800-851-3449) - cushions

Water Bottles (Hot/Cold)

- Wrap cloth around water bottle, or use cloth-covered heating pad

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Restaurants and Grocery Stores

Latex Gloves

- Synthetic, vinyl (inquire before eating)
- Arby's and Subway have a "no latex" policy, but it's recommended to check with individual restaurants, as some may not follow the franchise protocol
- **Restaurant Chains and Glove Use** (PDF)

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Sports Equipment

Bike/Ski Helmets

Bungee Cords

Handles

Ping Pong Paddles, Golf Clubs, Baseball Bats, Rackets, Ski Poles, Bikes

Mouthguards

Rubber Balls

- **Boeri Sport**
- Avoid direct contact with skin
- Use vinyl or leather handles, or cover with tape or cloth
- **Shock Doctor** - Silicone
- **ALL Koosh products contain natural rubber latex. Do not use Koosh products of any kind**
- **Do not use** Balzac Balloon Balls or Omnikin, as these contain natural rubber latex balloon bladders
- Some allergic individuals can use tennis balls that are new and completely covered. Bladders of tennis balls are natural rubber latex
- Please check with manufacturer
- **BSN MacGregor** (800-527-7510)
- **Spalding** (800-772-5346)
- **Rawlings** (866-660-4151)
- **Wilson** (773-714-6400)

Other Balls

Basketballs, Footballs, Soccer Balls, Baseballs

Protective Eyewear

- **Liberty Optical** (800-444-5010) - Rec Specs are latex free
- **Scott** (800-292-5874) - Ski goggles: Foam around eyes is latex free, but head strap DOES CONTAIN natural rubber latex

Swim Cap/Goggles

- Use silicone swim caps
- Use silicone or vinyl goggles
- **Speedo** (888-477-3336) - HydrospeX goggles are latex free. Latex-free replacement strap can be bought separately for other Speedo goggles

Note: Some latex-allergic individuals may react to chlorine and/or latex proteins released from swimsuits and pool items due to chlorine

- Use PVC or plastic toys
- No known alternatives

Water Toys

Wet Suits, Scuba/Snorkel Masks

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† Guidelines For Schools

Statement from Crayola: "None of our currently manufactured products contain latex, however, latex gloves may be worn to handle raw materials and finished goods during the manufacturing process of our products. Prior to 1998, a few products contained pieces or parts made of latex. They were rubber stamps included in the Crayola Color & Stamp Dinosaur, Color & Stamp Monsters, Message Mania and Playtime Office kits. Also, latex was contained in the rubber erasers in the Crayola Drawing Portfolio, the 1993 Back-to-School Kit and the Art Organizer. All of these products are now discontinued.

As a leader in children's art material products, safety is of utmost importance to Binney & Smith. All Binney & Smith products have been certified nontoxic by an independent toxicologist and have earned the Art and Creative Materials Institute's (ACMI) APPROVED PRODUCT (AP) seal. This provides consumers assurance that products bearing this seal meet or exceed specific quality standards and contain no known toxic or harmful substances in sufficient quantities to be injurious to the human body, even if ingested or inhaled."

Guidelines

Latex allergies have become a serious problem for a growing number of people. Exposure to latex (any natural rubber containing product) can cause symptoms ranging from hives, sneezing, asthma, or even life threatening anaphylactic shock. Creating awareness through education is essential in preventing latex exposure for sensitized individuals. The only treatment to date is avoidance.

- There should be no natural rubber latex contact (direct or indirect) for a latex-allergic individual. Indirect contact with latex occurs if one person touches latex and has contact with an allergic person, or if latex residue is on a surface that is touched by an allergic individual. Example: Teacher has latex adhesive on hands from tape and touches allergic student.
- Latex can be airborne and cause reactions in individuals who inhale particles. Powdered latex gloves and latex balloons, which are particularly hazardous, should be eliminated entirely from the school and replaced with alternative gloves and Mylar balloons.
- Each latex-allergic individual differs in symptoms. Allergic reactions can range in intensity from hives and hayfever to asthma and anaphylactic shock. It's imperative to limit all latex exposure because symptoms may increase in severity with continued exposure.
- Maintenance and remodeling projects (i.e., carpet installation, driveway sealing, gym floor finishing and painting) should be done during vacations when allergic children are not present. Inform parents when projects are going to occur.
- Keep the latex allergy treatment protocol in the health room and review it with staff annually.
- A faculty meeting prior to the school year should inform the staff about latex allergy symptoms and severity. If possible, include parents, physician, and EMT staff at this informational meeting.
- Verify that rubber spatulas, and/or natural rubber latex gloves or equipment will not be used in the cafeteria for food preparation and/or storage.
- Custodial staff should also be aware of latex-allergic students, and be informed not to use latex products, including natural rubber latex gloves, in classrooms.
- All medical supplies (injectable epinephrine, inhalers, medications, latex-free Band-Aids, non-latex gloves, etc.) should be kept handy and away from contact with any latex.
- Many people with the latex allergy also have cross-reacting food allergies. Check with students' parents regarding any foods that may need to be avoided, and communicate this to cafeteria staff.
- Maintain communication with students' parents regarding the development of the school's natural rubber latex safe program and involve parents in developing individualized safety plans for each allergic student.

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