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Benzalkonium chloride: a preservative associated with severe skin, eye and respiratory irritation and allergies. *Found in: sunscreens, moisturizers.*

Benzophenone and derivatives: a possible human carcinogen and hormone disruptor used as a fragrance ingredient and to absorb ultraviolet light. *Found in: nail polish, sunscreen.*

Bisphenol A (BPA): a hormone disruptor that may also alter DNA, used in plastics and resins. *Found in: plastic bottles, lining of aluminum food cans, possibly in eyeshadow and styling gel.*

Butoxyethanol : a “fragrance” additive that irritates skin and may cause cancer and reproductive toxicity. *Found in: fragrance, hair color.*

BHA and BHT: hormone disruptors and may cause liver damage used to extend shelf life. *Found in: lipsticks, moisturizers, diaper creams, and other cosmetics.*

Coal tar hair dyes and other coal tar ingredients: a by product of coal processing that is a known carcinogen. It is used as a colorant and an anti-dandruff agent. *Found in: hair dye, shampoo.*

1,4-dioxane: toxic to organs and the respiratory system, and a skin irritant. *Found in: shampoo, body wash, bubble bath.*

Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA): aids product absorption, and may be toxic to organs. *Found in: hair color, moisturizers.*

Ethanolamines (MEA/DEA/TEA): pH adjuster linked to allergies, skin toxicity, hormone disruption, and inhibited fetal brain development. *Found in: hair dyes, mascara, foundation, fragrances, sunscreens, dry cleaning solvents, paint, pharmaceuticals.*

Formaldehyde: used as a preservative in cosmetics linked to asthma, neurotoxicity, and developmental toxicity. Beautycounter does not use any of these formaldehyde-donating preservatives. *Found in: shampoo, body wash, bubble bath.*

Hydroquinone: a skin lightening chemical that is linked to cancer, organ toxicity and skin irritation. *Found in: skin lightening creams.*

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Mercury and mercury compounds (also listed as Thimerosal): used as a preservative and antiseptic known to damage brain function. *Found in: ear and eye drops; may be used in mascara*

Mineral Oil (also listed as liquid paraffin; liquid petrolatum; paraffin oil): a by-product of petroleum distillation that may cause contact dermatitis. *Found in: baby lotions, cold creams, ointments*

Oxybenzone: sunscreen agent and ultraviolet light absorber linked to irritation, sensitization and allergies, and possible hormone disruption. *Found in: sunscreen, moisturizer*

Parabens (methyl-, isobutyl-, propyl- and others): alters important hormone mechanisms in our bodies and mess with important natural signals, play a role in triggering breast cancer. *Found in: shampoo, face cleanser, body wash, body lotion, foundation*

Phthalates (DBP, DEHP, DEP and others): disrupt the endocrine system and may cause birth defects. *Found in: synthetic fragrance, nail polish, hairspray*

Polyethylene glycol (PEG compounds): widely used in cosmetics as thickeners, solvents, softeners, and moisture-carriers, linked to cancer. *Found in: creams, sunscreen, shampoo*

Resorcinol: a skin irritant, toxic to the immune system and organs, and suspected to cause hormone disruption. *Found in: hair color*

Retinyl palmitate and Retinol (Vitamin A): a nutrient that may damage DNA and speed the growth of skin tumors when used topically. *Found in: moisturizer, anti-aging skincare*

Sodium Lauryl Sulfate and Sodium Laureth Sulfate (SLS and SLES): can cause skin irritation or trigger allergies. *Found in: shampoo, body wash, bubble bath*

Synthetic flavor or fragrance: scent or flavoring agent that may cause hormone disruptors and allergens. Fragrance formulas are protected under federal law's classification of trade secrets, and therefore can remain undisclosed. *Found in: all types of cosmetics*

Toluene : toxic to the immune system and can cause birth defects. *Found in: nail polish*

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