

Safety Advisory: Latex Allergies



Please communicate this information to all personnel who may have latex products in stock and/or may be responsible for the procurement of personal protective equipment and/or other latex containing products.

An incident involving an allergic reaction to latex gloves was reported to Environmental Health and Safety (EHS). In addition to asking stakeholders to review their current stock to remove/replace latex products, EHS is hoping to raise awareness and remind users to avoid purchasing latex products which contain natural rubbers.

Major Source

- Gloves
- Balloons
- Bandages
- Adhesives/glues
- Household gloves



Minor Source

- Rubber bands
- Rubber balls
- Elastic in clothing
- Vial stoppers
- Syringe plungers

Note: Latex paints are made from synthetic rubber and do not trigger allergic reactions.

In very rare instances, users have developed an allergy and/or sensitivity to nitrile gloves, but it was attributed to accelerator chemicals used in nitrile glove production. If you begin to experience any discomfort (itchy or red skin), then immediately contact your physician and transition to accelerator free nitrile gloves.



If you have questions or comments, please contact EHS.

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