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Trivia!

What does WLAN mean?

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Industry News

Health and Beauty

Baby Powder Recall

The FDA ordered a recall of Johnson & Johnson baby powder after a bottle was found to contain asbestos. Eleven days later the company announced that an independent study had been conducted and there were no levels of asbestos in the product. The Pennsylvania lab used to test the product indicated trace amounts of asbestos were found, but later determined they came from a contaminated air-conditioning unit in the room where the tests were being conducted. J&J then conducted a second test using a Georgia facility. No asbestos was found.

J&J's rapid response to the FDA indicates how important Johnson's Baby Powder is to the company.

Johnson's Baby Powder represents only 1% of total sales, but the product is very well known. During this time, J&J is defending claims from over 10,000 plaintiffs as to the safety of the product, including 16,000 suits claiming the powder caused ovarian cancer in women that used it and mesothelioma in people that inhaled it. J&J maintains their product is safe, asbestos free, and doesn't cause cancer. ■

Peter Loftus, WSJ, 11/18/2018

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Recent Savings

Uniforms

Savings were over 20% of total spend. ■

Snow Removal

Savings were over 32% of total spend. ■

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Talc Powder and Asbestos

Talc is a clay mineral composed of hydrated magnesium silicate. Talc in powdered form, often in combination with corn starch, is widely used as baby powder. This mineral is used as a thickening agent and lubricant, is an ingredient in ceramics, paint and roofing material, and is also one of the main ingredients in many cosmetic products. Talc is often found near asbestos in the earth and, therefore, can easily be contaminated when mined. Talc powder has been on the market since the 1800s. In 1973, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration developed new standards which state the mineral needs to be tested to ensure it is asbestos-free talc. This law is still in place today.

Various occupations are at risk, such as talc miners or people in manufacturing facilities that handle talc. In recent years, consumers became concerned when hearing contaminated talc had been found in children's makeup brands from Justice and Claire's stores in 2017. This led to products, such as eyeshadow, being pulled from their shelves. ■

<https://www.mesothelioma.com/asbestos-exposure/products/talc-powder>.

Lipstick – The Untold Truth

The first lipsticks date back to 5,000 BC where women crushed gemstones to color their lips. Ancient Egyptians, most famously Cleopatra, was skilled at mixing colors from crushed insects, seaweed, and fish scales. Today, most women wear lipstick to feel braver or more beautiful. There are scientific facts that reveal that wearing lipstick changes us and makes us feel more confident; however, lipstick may also have dangerous consequences. If you suffer from dry lips, especially in the winter, the chemicals in many lipsticks pull moisture from your lips leaving them chapped. If your lips are chapped, a better choice would be a tinted lip balm. Formaldehyde, often used as a preservative in lipsticks, is a known carcinogen and can cause coughing, breathlessness, and skin irritation. Lead also is a harmful ingredient and can be found in some lipsticks.

At the end of the day, once your makeup has been washed off, tiny plastic particles are washed down the drain and eventually make their way into our water sources. It is important to know what ingredients are in the lipstick you wear. A natural lipstick can be a better choice. ■

CarrieMacdormo, RN MPH, The List

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Trivia! From November 2019 Issue

What does VAN mean?

Value-Added Network. A VAN company is an organization that helps companies exchange private documents, usually via EDI systems.

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