

HEALTH ALERT:

Skin-lightening creams with Mercury can hurt you!



Some skin-lightening products (also called skin-bleaching, brightening, or fade products) sold in our community have poisonous levels of mercury.

Mercury is toxic and can:

- Damage the kidneys,
- Affect your brain and nerves,
- Cause pain or rashes.

Everyone, particularly pregnant women and women of child-bearing age, should avoid being exposed to mercury.

What Should I Do?

1 Stop Using

There is no way to be certain that ANY skin-lightening product is safe. Products aren't always correctly labeled, or can be counterfeit. The safest step is to stop using all skin-lightening creams unless you get it from your doctor.

2 Find out More

If you have questions, call The Poison Control Center, 1-800-222-1222. It is open 24-hours a day, seven days a week, and has language interpretation services. Your doctor may also be able to answer your questions.

3 Handle Safely

Do not throw the product in the trash. If it has mercury in it, it can harm others if it gets into the environment. Take the product to a household hazardous waste drop-off site.

Find household hazardous waste collection sites in Ramsey County online at www.RamseyAtoZ.com or call 651-633-EASY.



Skin-lightening creams tested that have unsafe levels of mercury

All products have not been tested: others not listed here may also contain toxic levels of mercury.



Lemon Herbal Whitening Cream 33,000 ppm (parts per million)



Lulanjina – yellow cream 16,700 ppm (jar on right)

Lulanjina – white cream 12,800 ppm (jar on left)



Crème Diana C.T.R. 6,370 ppm (middle box)



Qian Mei – white cream 4,650 ppm



Fasco 4,600 ppm



Milk Cream 4,600 ppm



Crème Diana C.T.R. 4,180 ppm (jar on left)
(product on right contained no mercury)



Qian Mei – yellow cream 3,540 ppm



Jiao Li container 2 1,700 ppm (jar on right)

Jiao Li - container 1 1,070 ppm (jar on left)



Cream Aghader 135 ppm



Savon pour L'acné Diana soap 31 ppm (left box)
Savon pour L'acné Diana soap 4.08 ppm (right box)

