

Stay Aware. Stay Beautiful.

Avoid lead in your eyeliners



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Washington State wants a healthier you!

The Department of Ecology is committed to protecting your health and well-being. If you or your family use eyeliners, such as surma, kohl, or kajal, you might be exposed to lead—a toxic chemical that can have serious health effects. Let's work together to protect your family and community's health!



Your eyeliner may be harmful to your health

Eyeliners like kohl, kajal, or surma can contain lead, a toxic chemical that can affect your health and the environment.

Using these kinds of eyeliners can expose you to lead, which may cause skin and eye irritation, lead poisoning, and even affect brain development, especially in children. Better alternatives include making your own natural eyeliner or purchasing in Washington State.

Washington State protects you

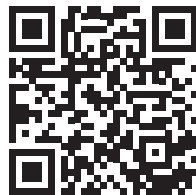
In Washington, we want you to feel beautiful without risking your health. The State's new law called the Toxic-Free Cosmetics Act (TFCA), restricts the production, distribution, and sale of cosmetics containing certain toxic chemicals including lead in our state.

Help protect your friends and family

Share information—whether in person or on social media—and raise awareness for your generation and the next.

Learn more:

- Find resources for alternatives like making your own safer eyeliner on the Department of Ecology's website. Scan the QR code below.
- Ask your local nail and hair salons about using safer cosmetics.



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