

Protecting Children's Environmental Health in the U.S.-Border Region

Reducing Exposure to Toxics in Personal Care Products

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What is a cosmetic?



What type of chemicals do cosmetics have?

**What type of ingredients are listed
in the label?**

**Is it safe to buy unlabeled or
homemade cosmetics?**

**What government agency
regulates cosmetics?**

What type of safety test do cosmetics go through?

Are “natural” cosmetics safer?

**Are more expensive products safer
than cheap ones?**

Are cosmetics from the US safer?

**Who is more at risk of exposure to
toxics in cosmetics?**

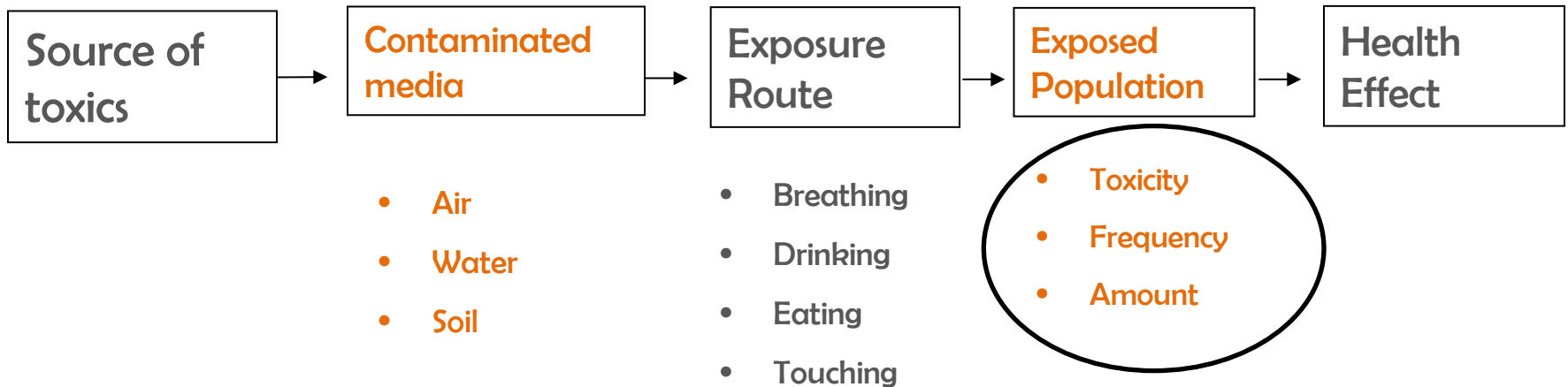
**Are cosmetics essential for a
healthy life?**



¿Y ahora
¡Para eso no
quien podrá
mi astucia!
defendernos?

YOU

Exposure Routes



Important factors:

- Toxicity of the chemical
- Frequency of exposure
- Amount of chemical

✓ Use less toxic cosmetics

✓ Use them less often

✓ Use a smaller amount

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California Safe Cosmetics Program Product Database





What is the California Safe Cosmetics Program Public Database?

The California Safe Cosmetics Act (the Act) requires companies that manufacture cosmetics to report any cosmetics products that contain ingredients known or suspected to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. The California Safe Cosmetics Program (CSCP) collects this data and makes it available to the public through this website.

Are you curious to see what ingredients have been reported for your shampoo? Want to compare the ingredients of different sunscreens? You can search the database for a type of product, a specific product name, or a brand or company name.

You can also read more about chemical ingredients, learn about how chemical exposure can affect your health, test your knowledge of cosmetics, or learn more about the California Safe Cosmetics Program by clicking on links to the right.

More information on the California Safe Cosmetics Act and cosmetics in the news is also available

What is in my cosmetics?
See a [list of reported chemicals](#).

How can
[exposure to toxic chemicals](#)
affect my health?

What do these search results
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Essential Tips and Facts

See that long list of ingredients on the back of the bottle? Some probably aren't as safe as you'd hope.

EWG's Healthy Living Corner

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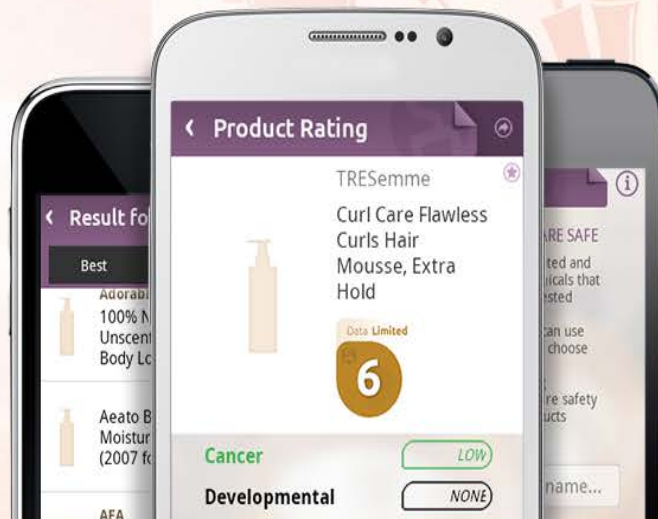
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Think Dirty™ and San Francisco nonprofit Breast Cancer Fund announce an exclusive strategic alliance with the common goal of bringing transparency to ingredients in cosmetics and personal care products.

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Is there a healthier option?

Can I use less of this product?

Can I use it less often?

What are healthier options?

- ✓ Au natural!
- ✓ Use safer and less toxic products
- ✓ Be creative!









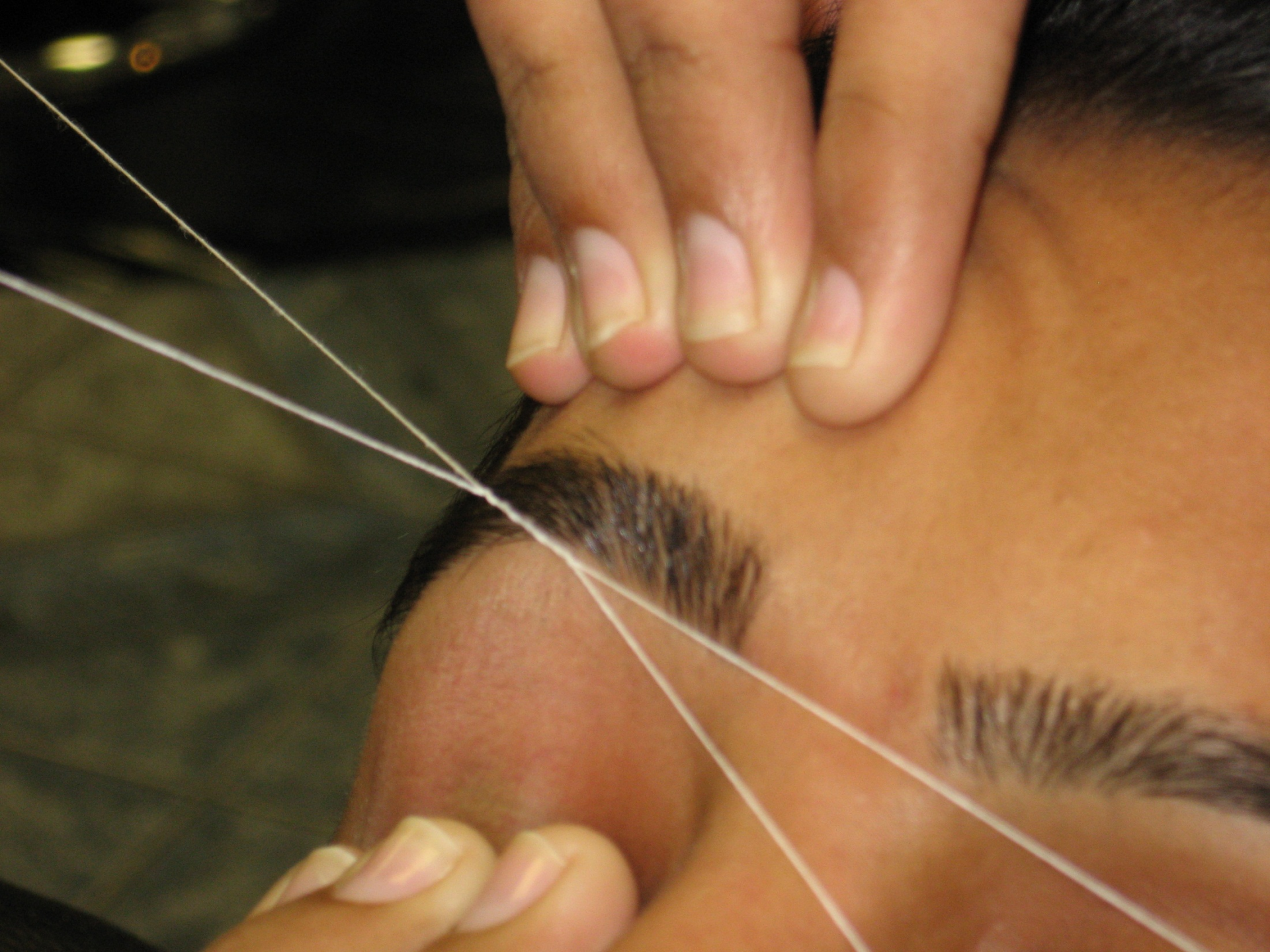


**What is the safest way to dispose
of toxic cosmetics?**









Smile!



Thank you!

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