

shellac

Where is shellac found?

Shellac is a resin sold in the form of amber flakes and is considered a natural plastic. This substance can be found in products used throughout the home including paint primers, sealants, and furniture finishes. It is also edible and used as a glazing agent on candies and pills. Shellac has other uses such as producing dentures and for creating a waxy substance found in cosmetics.

How can you avoid contact with shellac?

Avoid products that list any of the following names in the ingredients:

- Candy glaze
- Confectioner's glaze
- EINECS 232-549-9 Gum lac
- Lac resin
- Lacca
- Resins, lac or shellac
- Schellack
- Shellac, purified
- Shellac orange S-40

What are some products that may contain shellac?

Cosmetics
Home Maintenance

A clinician's point of view.

Additional resources and links for shellac.

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For additional information about products that might contain shellac, visit the Household Products Database online at the United States National Library of Medicine. These lists are brief and provide just a few examples. They are not comprehensive. Product formulations also change frequently. Read product labels carefully and talk to your doctor if you have any questions. These are general guidelines. Talk to your doctor for more specific instructions.