

# WARNING: KOHL MAY CONTAIN LEAD

## WHY IS LEAD DANGEROUS?

Lead is a toxic metal that can harm people if it enters the body. **Young children and pregnant women** are at risk because lead can hurt normal brain development.



## LEAD IN KOHL, KAJAL, SURMA AND SORMEH



Black eye powder also known as **kohl, kajal, surma or sormeh may contain lead**. You can be exposed to lead if this powder gets into your eyes or mouth.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?

- **Wash your hands** after handling products.
- **Keep containers away** from children.
- **Use lead-free alternatives** when possible.
- **Ask for a blood lead test** from your doctor.
- **Test your product** by calling the Leadline at 503-988-4000 for options.



## Questions?

Visit [www.leadline.org](http://www.leadline.org)  
or call 503-988-4000



## WHAT PRODUCTS CONTAIN LEAD?

While the main lead risk for Oregonians is lead-based paint in older homes, lead can be present in different products or everyday items.

The community should be aware of unique risks from cultural products that may contain lead such as:

- turmeric
- cosmetics
- colored powders
- health remedies
- talismans/amulets
- pottery

If you are concerned about a product containing lead, **contact 503-988-4000 about lead testing.**



Signs of lead poisoning are not easy to see. Children and adults with lead poisoning may not look or feel sick.



If you or your family members are at risk of lead poisoning, **ask your doctor for a blood lead test.**

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