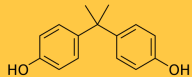




# BISPHENOL-A (BPA)



## What is Bisphenol-A (BPA)?

Bisphenol-A, often referred to as BPA, is a man made chemical used in plastics in consumer products. It is a synthetic estrogen and has been linked to changes in reproductive development as well as breast and prostate cancers.

## Where is Bisphenol-A (BPA) Found?

BPA is often found in hard polycarbonate **plastics** ("shatter-proof" plastic containers), **epoxy resins**, including for use in can linings for **food** and **drink products**, **pipng**, and **dental sealants**.

**For a safer option, look for products that do not include this chemical labeled as "BPA free".**

However, studies have shown that BPA replacements, such as bisphenol-S or bisphenol-F can be just as or more toxic than BPA itself. To avoid this all together, avoid canned and food wrapped in plastic, avoid heating plastic products in the microwave or dishwasher, use glass or metal dishes and containers when possible.

## Why is Bisphenol-A (BPA) Concerning?

Some BPA-containing chemicals have been classified as **probably carcinogenic to humans** by the International Agency For Research on Cancer (IARC). Studies have linked exposure to breast and prostate cancer, along with a longer list of noncancer related health problems.

## Where can I find more information about Bisphenol-A (BPA)?

To learn more about this hazardous chemical, please visit the following organization's websites:

### Scientific Government Resources:

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Risk Management for Bisphenol A (BPA)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Bisphenol A (BPA) Factsheet

### Consumer Support Information:

- Environmental Working Group: BPA
- National Center for Biotechnology Information: A Review of the Carcinogenic Potential of Bisphenol A
- Mayo Clinic: What is BPA, and what are the concerns about BPA?