



What is Benzene?

Benzene is considered a known human carcinogen by the scientific community and has been found in consumer products and as a contaminant in drinking water. In addition to causing acute nonlymphocytic leukemia and possibly other types of leukemia, multiple myeloma and non-hodgkin's lymphoma, this chemical has been linked to reproductive and developmental toxicity, and damage to the nervous system.

Where is Benzene Found?

Benzene has been found in **drinking water, sunscreens, shampoos, detergents, and fragrances**. Federal law allows for fragrance to be listed as an ingredient of personal care products without disclosure of the exact substances contained such as benzene.

For a safer option, look for products that do not include this chemical. Read labels and avoid products that contain these toxic ingredients: *benzene or fragrance*.

Benzene is often found as an unintentional contaminant in consumer products and may not be listed on the label.

Why is Benzene Concerning?

Benzene is considered **carcinogenic to humans** by the International Agency For Research on Cancer (IARC), and **known to be a human carcinogen** by the National Toxicology Program (NTP).

Where can I find more information about Benzene?

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

Scientific Government Resources:

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\): Facts About Benzene](#)
- [Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry: ToxFAQs for Benzene](#)
- [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\): Benzene](#)

Consumer Support Information:

- [CBS News: Carcinogen found in some popular sunscreens and after-sun products including Neutrogena, tests show](#)
- [Environmental Working Group: Benzene](#)
- [American Cancer Society: Benzene and Cancer Risk](#)

NOTE: All links for additional information are trusted sources. If you would not to know more, or have questions, please contact us at info@CENSWPA.org.