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"The amount of irritation caused by toothpaste is minimal but can include sore mouth and gums, wearing away of tooth enamel, sore tongue, and sloughing of mucous membrane." {37}

You're probably asking yourself "Wait, toothpaste causes sore mouth and wears away enamel?" Strangely enough, the answer is a resounding "YES!" and we are going to explain why.

Would you allow your family to brush their teeth with engine degreaser? How about rat poison? The scary truth is that they probably already are, and you don't even realize it. Dental hygiene products that you and your loved ones use every day contain potentially harmful, toxic ingredients that have been linked to very serious health risks and conditions like cancer, blindness, and even death. If you haven't checked out the ingredient list in your toothpaste or mouthwash recently, wait until you've read this report and you'll be shocked at what you might find.

Many of the name brand toothpastes and mouthwashes on the market contain ingredients that are potentially harmful. In this report, you'll read about 6 dangerous ingredients of toothpaste that are hiding in plain sight. Don't blame yourself though; it's very easy for us as consumers to get swept off our feet by the whitewashed advertising of the large toothpaste and mouthwash manufacturers. In fact, the initial campaign for fluoride being good for your teeth was quite literally invented by officials at ALCOA who were looking for ways to profit from the byproducts of their aluminum manufacturing rather than paying to have it disposed of safely.

Did you ever wonder why manufacturers are required to put **warning labels** on their products? Just read the label on any major brand of toothpaste or mouthwash (they're frequently located on the box rather than the tube or bottle) and you'll see that they are loaded with potentially dangerous toxins and chemicals such as sodium fluoride, triclosan, FD&C blue dye #1&2, sodium lauryl sulfate, hydrated silica, and tetrasodium pyrophosphate. These potentially harmful ingredients are absorbed through the mouth and can then enter the bloodstream.

All of these common ingredients have been found to be harmful to humans according to *The Safe Shoppers Bible*. In this report, we will cover all 6 of these potentially harmful ingredients separately so that you, the consumer, have all the information you need to make an educated decision about what you and your family put into your body.

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Sodium fluoride

Rat poison and insecticide have never been more convenient

For years, fluoride has been internationally recognized as a poison. Yes, you read that correctly, fluoride is a poison. A toxic waste, and until recently its only approved use was as an insecticide or rat poison. **{1}** Despite those restrictions on its use, fluoride is still being blindly recommended by dentists as a preventative measure for cavities and tooth decay.

Fluoride is also added to drinking water around the world under the guise of preventing tooth decay, its current use falls under the FDA's definition of a drug. Under the FDA's Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act the term "drug" is "articles intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in man or other animals, and articles (other than food) intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of man or other animals." {41}

The purpose of adding fluoride to public drinking water is to affect the structure of the teeth, and therefore it is a drug. While this fact alone is quite staggering, it actually gets **worse**.

"...sodium fluoride, an inorganic compound of the naturally occurring, highly poisonous fluorine gas. It is manufactured by neutralizing hydrofluoric acid or hexafluorosilicic acid, which are byproducts of fertilizer production and heavy metal manufacturing."

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There are numerous dangers associated with exposure to fluoride and all of them outweigh the importance of preventing cavities. It is important that you know what those dangers are, and how they can affect your body's overall health so you can make an educated, well informed decision before continuing the use of products that contain fluoride.

Fluoride has been linked to a number of deaths

- In 1942, 47 mental patients from the Oregon State Hospital for the Insane died from fluoride poisoning when sodium fluoride powder was used accidentally instead of powdered milk to make scrambled eggs. {15}
- In 1979, 8 kidney dialysis patients in Annapolis, MD suffered toxic reactions during their blood cleansing process and died after it led to cardiac arrest. The determined cause of death was an accidental spill of over 1,000 gallons of fluoride into the city's drinking water supply. {16}
- May 24, 1974, a 3 year old boy slips into a coma and eventually dies of cardiac arrest after being given an overdose of fluoride at his first dental visit. The fluoride itself was determined to be the actual cause of death.
 {17}

Fluoride does **NOT** prevent cavities

When the United States began fluoridating water supplies in the 1930s the basis for this program was to prevent tooth decay. Since then there have been numerous instances where studies have been performed to prove otherwise, or areas that ceased to fluoridate their public water saw a decline in tooth decay once they stopped – the exact opposite result as intended. Here are a few examples:

"It is time for the U.S., and the few remaining fluoridated countries to recognize that fluoridation is outdated, has serious risks that far outweigh any minor benefits, violates sound medical ethics and denies freedom of choice. **Fluoridation** must be ended now."

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- Fewer cavities found in children 7 years after Cuba stops fluoridation {11}
- Former East Germany fluoride cessation results in fewer cavities {12}

Not only does fluoride **not prevent cavities**, it can cause **damage to connective tissues** in the body by destroying protein bonds in cells **{13}**, and this includes the tissue in the gums that connects them to the teeth. This can result in "pockets" in the gums where the tissue is separated. **{14}** If fluoride damages this connective tissue that attaches your gums to your teeth, then the continued use of fluoride products can greatly hinder the possibility of your gum tissue reconnecting to your teeth. This means that the "pocket" may not heal, and will therefore continue to be a hiding place and breeding ground for the harmful types of bacteria that wreak havoc on your gums and teeth. These "pockets" can also be gateways for harmful bacteria to enter your blood stream and cause infections in other parts of the body.

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Medical professionals call for an end to fluoridation

In 2009, more than 200 medical, scientific, and environmental health professionals signed a petition **{41}** presented to the United States Congress. The petition was essentially a call to action, attempting to encourage Congress to pass new regulations that would outlaw fluoridation of the United States water supplies. The mission statement of this assembly of renowned professionals is found on the cover of the report:

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Triclosan

Now approved by the EPA as a pesticide

Triclosan is chemical used for its antibacterial and antimicrobial properties in a number of detergents and toothpastes. However, according to the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) **{22}**, **triclosan was first registered as a pesticide in 1969**. In 2008, the EPA reviewed its toxicology, chemistry, and occupational/residential exposure studies when looking to complete its re-registration eligibility. After taking into consideration things like endocrine effects, developmental and reproductive toxicity, chronic toxicity, and carcinogenicity, they still registered it as only a pesticide.

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According to the EPA's handbook for Recognition and Management of Pesticide Poisonings **{23}**, long term exposure to pesticide products can lead to a number of adverse health conditions including but not limited to:

- Liver damage
- Kidney damage
- Heart damage
- Lungs damage
- Thyroid hormone disruption{24}
- Paralysis
- Sterility
- Brain hemorrhage

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FD&C blue dye #1&2

Food coloring is harmless, right? Wrong.

These dyes are artificial colorings that are often found in familiar toothpaste brands, and a wide variety of other ingestible products. The name "FD&C" comes from the designation by the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic act which requires certain inorganic substances to be classified for reference. According to the Encyclopedia Britannica **{18}**, food coloring is:

"any of numerous dyes, pigments, or other additives used to enhance the appearance of fresh and processed foods. Coloring ingredients include natural colors, derived primarily from vegetable sources and sometimes called vegetable dyes; inorganic pigments; combinations of **organic and metallic compounds (called lakes); and synthetic coal-tar substances**. They are added to orange and potato skins, sausage casings, baked goods, candies, carbonated drinks, gelatin desserts, powdered drink mixes, and many other foods. Many of these additives are also employed as coloring agents in cosmetics, drugs, and products such as toothpaste and mouthwash."

"...combinations of organic and metallic compounds (called lakes); and synthetic coal-tar substances..." In case you aren't familiar with the term "coal tar", here's another definition for you from the Encyclopedia Britannica:

Coal tar: principal liquid product resulting from the carbonization of coal, *i.e.*, the heating of coal in the absence of air, at temperatures ranging from about 900° to $1,200^{\circ}$ C $(1,650^{\circ}$ to $2,200^{\circ}$ F) **{19}**

If the origin of these ingredients wasn't enough to make your head spin, there are other uses for it besides making your marshmallow moons blue. Enteral feeding (clinically feeding with a tube when a patient cannot take food with their mouth) has been a common practice for nearly 30 years. Blue 1 is often used in cases where doctors must visually detect things like pulmonary aspiration (leakage of foreign substances into the lungs or trachea). According to the FDA Public Health Advisory from September 29, 2003 **{20}**:

"As of September, 2003, the FDA is aware of 20 cases from the scientific literature or in FDA post-marketing adverse event reports associating the use of blue dye in tube feedings with blue discoloration of body fluids and skin, as well as more serious complications. **There have been 12 reported deaths** and one case with an unknown outcome."

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Sodium lauryl sulfate

World renowned skin irritant

Perhaps one of the most dangerous ingredients in personal care products is sodium lauryl sulfate, or SLS. SLS is commonly used in many soaps, shampoos, detergents, and toothpastes because it is a very effective foaming agent, clinically known as a surfactant. The National Institute of Health's "Household Products Directory" **{25}** lists over 80 products that contain SLS. Numerous everyday products contain up to 30% concentrations of SLS, which according to a 1983 report by the American College of Toxicology(ACT) **{26}** is "highly irritating and dangerous".

Some of the products that commonly contain SLS are:

Soaps

Shampoos

Toothpaste

Industrial cleaning detergent

Laundry detergent

Stain remover

Fabric glue

Shaving cream

Mouthwash

Moisturizers

Dish soap

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"The abbreviated symbol for Sodium Lauryl Sulfate is <u>used around the</u> <u>world in clinical studies as a skin irritant</u>. SLS is the universal standard, by which a measured percentage is evaluated to promote a given level of irritation and reaction. By this SLS standard level of irritation, it is then possible to evaluate the healing or modifying characteristics of any ingredient or formula used on the SLS irritated skin." {26}

The scariest part is that irritation has been shown to occur at concentrations of 0.5%. That's 1/60th the concentration found in some hand soaps. Not only in soaps and pastes, SLS is also found in some mouthwashes. Listermint mouthwash {27} even lists SLS as an ingredient, and under health effects states "skin irritant in human standard tests"

Dr. Pal Barkvoll, an oral surgeon in Oslo, Norway concluded after doing a clinical study of toothpastes with and without sodium lauryl sulfate that SLS dries tissues in your mouth that protect against irritants such as acidic foods and drinks. He determined that SLS is a strong denaturing substance, which means it can cause disruption of cell activity, and possibly cell death. This study also showed that SLS can be a leading cause of canker sores and mouth ulcers. **{39}**

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Hydrated silica

Whitens teeth and damages enamel at the same time

Hydrated silica, which is primarily used as an abrasive or whitening agent in toothpaste, is made from a crystallized compound found in quartz, sand, and flint. **{28}** What may be surprising is that as highly touted and widely used as it is, 2 studies (one from 1998 **{31}** and one from 2004 **{29}**) showed that baking soda was significantly more effective at removing stains while being less damaging to the enamel than toothpastes containing hydrated silica.

Tooth enamel re-mineralizes daily from the supply of ionic calcium and phosphorus in saliva. Scratching the surface of the tooth with an abrasive like hydrated silica can harm the enamel and prevent the re-mineralization process from taking effect. Just like cleaning glass with sandpaper, serious wear can eventually occur.

Ingredients like hydrated silica can pose even more risk to those who are already suffering from oral issues. According to Dr. Warren Scherer **{30}**, associate professor or restorative and prosthodontic sciences at the New York College of Dentistry:

"Some of the toothpastes and tooth whiteners that promise pearly white teeth may, in fact, hold possible health risks for consumers. They could alter the chemistry of the oral cavity or be abrasive to the teeth and gums."

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Dr. Samuel Epstein is Chairman of the Cancer Prevention Coalition, and in his book, *The Safe Shopper's Bible* **{37}** he has this to say about hydrated silica:

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Tetrasodium pyrophosphate

Removes the needed minerals from saliva

Tetrasodium pyrophosphate is a sodium salt that is often used in water softening or to thicken foods. It is also a mildly irritating, colorless powder that when ingested has twice the toxicity of table salt. {32} It's been used as everything from a thickening agent, a dispersing agent, an emulsifier, and to chemically drive the pH levels of certain solutions to desired degrees. In toothpaste it is used to remove calcium and magnesium from saliva, and thus prevent it from depositing on teeth. This happens in much the same way that it prevents similar deposits from taking place on clothing, as it is also used in laundry detergent. Tetrasodium pyrophosphate is an alkaline chemical, and human exposure has resulted in the irritation of a number of parts of the body. {33} This alkaline environment in the mouth can cause excess irritation of oral membranes {35}. Symptoms of exposure to tetrasodium pyrophosphate include {34}:

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Respiratory irritation

Heart disturbances

Coughing

Central nervous system effects

Shortness of breath

Skin irritation, redness, itching, and pain

Gastrointestinal irritation

Eye irritation, redness, and pain

Nausea

Liver damage

Vomiting

Kidney damage

Diarrhea

Jaw/tooth abnormality

Lethargy

Blood disorders

Blood chemistry effects

Cardiovascular effects

This MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet) also states that persons with pre-existing jaw/tooth abnormalities, impaired respiratory, kidney, or liver function, or skin disorders may be more susceptible to the effects.

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Dishonorable mention

While a lack of supporting documentation prevents some ingredients from being labeled "potential dangers" we feel that serious consideration should be paid to the other 2 following additives to dental care products:

Glycerin

Emerging evidence from Dr. Gerard Judd, Ph. D, even suggests that a common ingredient in a number of products, glycerin, has negative effects in the realm of oral health. He states:

"Glycerin in all toothpastes is so sticky that it takes 27 washes to get if off. Teeth brushed with any toothpaste are coated with a film and CANNOT PROPERLY REENAMELIZE." **{36}**

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Alcohol

Most major brands of mouthwash contain alcohol as a primary active ingredient. While it is effective at eliminating bacteria in the mouth, it's the lasting effect of alcohol that earned it a spot on our list. Alcohol is a drying agent, and what that means in regard to damaging the mouth is that once it's done its job and eliminated bacteria it dries the mouth. While on the surface this doesn't sound like much, remember that the harmful types of bacteria that cause the majority of oral problems grow best in a dry environment. In short, alcohol kills bacteria, but provides the environment for it to grow back just as strong.

Also to be considered is the link between alcohols in mouthwash to oral cancer. A study from the Melbourne Dental School in Victoria Australia had this to say about their finding:

"...remember that the harmful types of bacteria that cause the majority of oral problems grow best in a dry environment. In short, alcohol kills bacteria, but provides the environment for it to grow back just as strong."

"...we believe that there is now sufficient evidence to accept the proposition that alcohol-containing mouthwashes contribute to the increased risk of development of oral cancer and further feel that it is inadvisable for oral healthcare professionals to recommend the long-term use of alcoholcontaining mouthwashes." {40}

Conclusion

You don't have to be a biochemist to see that there are potentially serious implications associated with common toothpaste ingredients- even more so if you're already suffering from things like gum disease, periodontal disease, receding gums, gum pockets, swollen gums or bad breath.

To sum up the harmful effects associated with various ingredients, consider this:

- Fluoride is a poison, and destroys the protein bonds and connective tissue that attach your gums to your teeth. {13, 14}
- Triclosan is a corrosive chemical, and is registered as a pesticide by the EPA. {22}
- FD&C blue dye is derived from coal tar, was the cause of death in at least 12 instances, and is linked to ADHD. {18, 19, 20, 21}
- Sodium lauryl sulfate is used all over the world to purposefully irritate human skin, and has been shown to be the cause of canker sores and mouth ulcers. {26, 39}
- Hydrated silica is made from sand and quartz, can alter the acidic balance of the mouth, and is not as effective as baking soda for whitening. {28, 29, 31, 30}
- Tetrasodium pyrophosphate alters the pH balance of the mouth, removes calcium and magnesium from saliva which prevents remineralization, and can irritate oral membranes by creating an over alkaline environment. {33, 34, 35}
- Glycerin causes a sticky coating over the teeth that requires rinsing 27 times to remove, and prevents teeth from reenamelizing. {36}
- Alcohol in mouthwash is drying, and provides the perfect environment for bacteria growth as well as being linked to oral cancer. {40}

All dentists will tell you that the only way to improve your oral health is to improve your oral hygiene. Once that's settled, you only have to decide whether you're going to continue to use standard commercial brands of toothpaste and mouthwash that come with a whole host of side effects, or a natural

alternative.

Remember, commercial toothpastes and mouthwashes on the market today are a lot like pharmaceutical drugs; they help, but come with numerous unrelated side effects with potentially serious consequences.

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