

Top 5 Toxic Cosmetic Additives

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- **Sodium Lauryl(Laureth) Sulphates**
 - Harsh petroleum based detergents used in shampoos for foam, also used in carwashes, garage floor cleaners and engine degreasers
- **Parabens (methyl, propyl, butyl, ethyl)**
 - Preservatives to inhibit microbial growth and extend product shelf-life. Are Estrogenic endocrine disruptors that have been linked to Breast Cancer.
- **Propylene Glycol (PG) or Butylene Glycol (BG)**
 - Petroleum based, penetrate the skin and weaken protein and cellular structure. Strong enough to remove barnacles on boats and an active ingredient in anti-freeze,.
- **Synthetic Colours and Dyes**
 - Derived from coal tar contain heavy metal salts, almost all have been shown to be carcinogenic. FD&C or D&C followed by a colour and number - FD&C Red No. 6
- **Diethanolamine (DEA) and Triethanolamine (TEA)**
 - Highly acidic foaming agents can cause allergic rxns, eye irritation and dryness of skin and hair – potent carcinogens