



## Formaldehyde

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### **Where is this allergen found?**

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Formaldehyde is used as a preservative and disinfectant in many industrial and household products. It is also used to finish durable press fabrics.

### **How can you avoid contact with this allergen?**

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Avoid products that list any of the following names in the ingredients:

- Formaldehyde
- Formalin
- Formic aldehyde
- Methaldehyde
- Methyl aldehyde
- Methylene oxide
- Methanal
- Oxymethylene

### **What are some products that may contain this allergen?**

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Baby Products  
Cosmetics  
Fabrics  
Foods  
Gum and Mints  
Household Products  
Personal Care Products  
Pet Care  
Shampoos and Conditioners

### **Notes:**

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Formaldehyde has been replaced by other chemicals in skin and hair care products. These chemicals are known as formaldehyde releasers. It also may be prudent to avoid these chemicals based on your physician's advice:

- Quaternium-15
- Diazolidinyl urea (Germall® II)
- DMDM hydantoin (Glydant)
- Imidazolidinyl urea (Germall®)
- 2-bromo-2-nitropropane-1,3-diol (Bronopol)
- Tris nitromethane (Tris Nitro)(industrial biocide)

For additional information about products that might contain this allergen, visit the Consumer Product Information Database ([householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov](http://householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov)) online at the United States National Library of Medicine. These lists are brief and provide just a few examples. They are not comprehensive. Product formulations also change frequently. Read product labels carefully and talk to your doctor if you have any questions. These are general guidelines. Talk to your doctor for more specific instructions.