

Kajal Can Poison Children

“My daughter was poisoned by kajal. We couldn’t even tell she was sick. A doctor tested her blood for lead. I thought kajal was healthy because it is natural. Now I know it has lead, which hurts children.” - Refugee Mother

Baby with kajal on forehead, cheek, and around eyes.



Lead is a Poison

- Most kajal that is from Asia, Africa, and the Middle East has lead. People have used kajal for a long time. Now we know it is dangerous.
- Many children across the United States have tested high for lead from using kajal. Kajal is also called “ranja,” “surma,” “kohl,” “gajal,” “kahal,” or “al-kahal.”
- Lead can poison the brain and make it hard for children to learn, pay attention, and behave.

Lead can get into the eyes and mouth and poison children

Do Not Use

Do not use kajal products like these. They may have high amounts of lead in them.



Use Safer Products

Use products from the USA or Europe such as “Kajal” by Maybelline and “Infallible” by L’Oréal.



Get a lead test

- Ask your doctor for a lead test for your child.
- Getting a lead test is the only way to know if someone has lead poisoning.

For more information



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