

Face Paint Ingredients

Star Blend Cake Makeup - Mehron

Talc, zinc, stearate, Mineral oil, stearic acid, lanolin, cetyl alcohol, triethanolamine, peg-12 laurate, methylparaben, propylparaben, may contain, iron oxides, titanium dioxide, ultramarine blue, manganese violet, chromium oxide green

Snazaroo and Safety

SNAZAROO manufactures its products using FDA compliant materials, packaging and processes that would provide FDA compliance (and their international counterparts). Our face painting products are regulated as a cosmetic good and are just as safe (or more so) as something you would find at an upscale cosmetic counter. We do not use any materials in our products that could cause harm.

This includes the full range of materials from the FDA compliant glitter we use in our glitter gels to the FD&C reds we use in our red face paints. Our factory and manufacturing procedures are also FDA compliant and have been inspected by appropriate federal staff. In addition, we keep FDA approved records to insure the safest manufacturing procedures. Never use any product on the face that does not specifically say it is FDA compliant and safe for use on the face as a cosmetic good.

We use no ingredients that do not meet cosmetic guidelines both in the United States and the European Community. Again, our ingredients must meet the stringent guidelines of both the USA FDA as well as the European equivalent.

We also avoid ingredients that can substantially increase the risk of allergic reaction, such as fragrances. Our products were designed to be used on children and therefore we take every measure that they are the safest face paints in the world. You know if you are you are using SNAZAROO that every measure for safety has been made.

All of these tests have been done by FDA approved, independent labs both in the USA and in Europe. In routine inspections by the FDA and other international agencies, we have proven time and time again to comply with FDA and child safety guidelines. This includes all packaging. SNAZAROO is the only face paint that also holds a "child toy safety rating" which is a more stringent guideline. In order to receive a child toy safety rating the product has to be very safe if used by children. In other words, in normal use by a child, the product was abused (put on too thick, accidentally eaten, accidentally dripped in the eye, ear or nose) what is the likelihood that harm could be done to the child? We have passed that test. Our only warning is the products should not be used by children because the small paint disks if swallowed could provide a choking hazard. There is no question that you have a much higher risk of allergic reaction when you find a cosmetic product that sells an eight color palette for under \$2.00. Like with all consumer purchases a "buyers beware" mentality should be used. Do your research to minimize any allergic reactions by these very inexpensive brands. Possible additional negatives are the staining of skin, poor coverage, ruined clothing, carpets etc. if the material is spilled. Do your own research.

An indicator that a material is FDA compliant as a cosmetic good is it will have a full list of ingredients. Look for products that say "FDA approved", "FDA Compliant",

"Cosmetic Good" or the like. Avoid materials that have other designations such as "for hair and special effects". Look for products that safe they are safe for use on the face. Avoid all other products.

We can promise you that SNAZAROO provides you with the world's safest face painting product. No one has done more safety testing to ensure that the product when painted on your child is safe. If you are concerned about safety then you should be using SNAZAROO.

As a recap- If you follow some basic logical safe painting methods, your possibility with an allergic reaction or other problems will be virtually nonexistent or worst case very rare. Don't mix brands, do not repack your paints into an unapproved container, store your materials and tools properly, keep fresh water, keep your work area clean, do not paint ill children and you will find your face painting experience a pleasant and fairly uneventful or void of any negative experience.

Safety information and ingredient copy listing that is posted on all SNAZAROO face paints.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

SNAZAROO PACKAGING INFORMATION

Unsuitable for small children under 3 years due to small parts which may cause a choking hazard. The paints are safe for use on small children, it is just the small parts may cause a choking hazard. The product should not be used undiluted. In other words you add water to your brush or sponge before you apply it to the skin. Wash off using mild soap and water with the eyes tightly shut. Store in a clean dry area with the lid on. Use within 18 months of opening the package to avoid having the make-up dry and crack. All cosmetics can, on rare occasions cause allergic reactions and the product should not apply in the immediate eye area or to sensitive areas or broken skin. If you are unsure about sensitivity, a patch test is advised. Apply the product to the inside of the elbow. If a reaction occurs within 60 minutes, do not use.

Contents: PEG-32, Propylene Glycol, Propylene Glycol Ceteth-3 Acetate, Water, PEG-8 Stearate, Glyceryl Stearate, PEG-75 Lanolin, Phenoxyethanol, Methyl Paraben, Ethyl Paraben, Propyl Paraben, Butyl Paraben, MAY CONTAIN: Talc, Titanium Dioxide, Mica, Iron Oxides, Ultramarine Blue, Ferric Ferrocyanide, FD&C Blue 1 Al Lake, FD&C Yellow 5 & 6 Al Lake, D&C Yellow 10 Al Lake, D&C 7 Ca Lake, FD&C Red 40 Al Lake. SNAZAROO make-up strictly complies with all E.U. and F.D.A. regulations on cosmetics. PLEASE RETAIN THIS INFORMATION.

Questions on any specific product can be addressed to garycole@mindspring.com if you feel like you have concerns send a photo of the child with their face painted and a photo of the skin concern. Please verify FOR SURE which cosmetic products were used on your child. We receive many e-mails on brands that are manufactured in China, Taiwan or elsewhere. These products are not SNAZAROO. Our face paints are made in the United Kingdom and in some cases the paint kits are assembled in the United States. If you did not use SNAZAROO you should seek the advice of the manufacturer of the brand that you used.

February 3rd, 2009 an article was written by Canwest discussing Health Canada's testing of some brands of face paint.

THE ARTICLE

Heavy Metals Found In Face Paint by Sarah Schmidt, Canwest News Service
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Health Canada has found heavy metals in children's face paints exceeding the government's own proposed impurity limits, but can't take action because the standards aren't in place yet, internal documents show.

The levels of lead, arsenic, mercury, cadmium or antimony found in products during routine testing of children's face paints are considered unacceptable in other jurisdictions, according to the department. The Health Canada survey is still ongoing, and so far three products have been flagged for exceeding the proposed limits.

In addition to updating Canada's cosmetics policy to be more "in line" with other jurisdictions, Health Canada reviewed established tolerable levels to set proposed impurity limits.

The department settled on the levels to provide a "high level of protection" to susceptible segments of consumers like children, states Health Canada's draft policy.

These heavy metals, which the department identifies as "known significant toxicological properties," are prohibited as ingredients in cosmetic products in Canada, but they find their way into some makeup and face paints through trace amounts in raw materials.

The metals can be highly toxic to the brain, kidney or the nervous, reproductive or immune systems. Cadmium is also classified as a human carcinogen. In the case of arsenic, mercury and cadmium, Health Canada is proposing an impurity limit of three parts per million (ppm). The threshold for cadmium will be five ppm and 10 ppm for lead.

In a statement, the department said there is no health risk to children or others because the limits are for "quality purposes and are well below levels that may present a health concern, according to current international standards."

Aaron Freeman, policy director at Environmental Defence, said the government cannot provide such a blanket reassurance in all cases.

"They certainly can't (in the absence of) biomonitoring data for children. What they're doing is they're making an assessment based on a one-off product. They're not sufficiently taking into account the fact that we get these pollutants from multiple sources," Freeman said.

In cases where the face paints contained impurity limits in excess of the proposed level, the department sent letters to the manufacturers to inform them

OUR RESPONSE

In response to February 2nd, 2009 article regarding Heavy Metals Found in Face Paints by Sarah Schmidt.

As a professional face and body painter myself, with a group of 20 face painters working with me, we have promoted the use of safe face paint for many years. Numerous times we have heard of cases or seen cases where those that are unaware of exactly what is safe to be used on the skin, and what is not. I have witnessed people at events using acrylic artists paint, tempera paint and craft paints stating that they are "non-toxic". Non-toxic does NOT mean that the paints are safe for use on the skin - it simply means that if you were to ingest them, it would not be fatal. The acids in our stomach are much stronger than our sensitive skin, and especially the sensitive skin of children.

ONLY face paints that are cosmetic grade, that are high quality (re: not from the dollar store!), and that are safe for use on the skin should be used in face painting. Some of the best brands on the market today include Snazaroo (www.snazaroo.us), Mehron (www.mehron.com) and Wolfe Face Art (www.wolfefx.com). These brands can be

purchased from Theatrical Supply stores and some toy/hobby shops or online year round. Each of these brands only uses the highest quality, cosmetic grade ingredients.

Another issue that we have tried to educate the public about is the use of cosmetic grade glitter in face painting. Craft glitter is made of metal, and just one piece can do serious damage to the eye. Cosmetic grade glitters, used for cosmetics and soaps are made of polyester and are cut differently than craft glitters.

Face and Body painting is a wonderful art form. Whether you are painting for fun or profit, only proper, high quality, cosmetic grade face paints should be used.

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Wolf Brothers (MSDS separately)