

Allergy to Thiuram

What am I allergic to?

You have been found to be allergic to **Thiuram**.

What is Thiuram?

Thiurams are used as fungicides and pesticides, and also in the production of many rubber products. Thiuram is found in virtually all rubber articles (eg rubber gloves, condoms, bandages, adhesive tapes, stockings etc).

What must I avoid?

You should avoid any product which contains thiurams. Avoid direct skin contact with rubber products in your car, at work and at home. Use rubber-free alternatives made of vinyl, plastic, leather, wood or fabric. Use fabric or plastic films to handle rubber products and avoid direct skin contact. Only use products that do not list thiuram mix, one of its components, or related chemicals on the label, ingredients list or Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). Tell your physician, pharmacist, dentist, veterinarian, beautician and hairdresser that you are allergic to thiuram mix, which is often used in rubber products. Ask for rubber products that do not contain thiuram mix or related substances. Wear protective gloves (fabric or leather) when handling dry rubber goods at work and at home. Use heavy duty non-rubber gloves when working with chemicals that might contain thiuram mix or one of its components.

Wear PVC washing up gloves (ie Glovellites). Glovex neoderm, Dispos-a-glove, Tru-touch are all safe), as are Dermaprene, Neotech and Allergard sterile gloves. Avoid Profore, Panelast, and Tubigrip bandages (or any other elastic bandage). Tensopress, Setopress, Comprilan, Rosidal K are all safe.

Where can Thiuram be found?

In virtually all rubber products, such as:

- ➔ boots, shoes, adhesives, plugs, goggles, mats, headphones, masks, respirators, aprons, gloves, cords, tubing, insulation, and sheeting
- ➔ rubber bands, erasers and mats
- ➔ bed sheeting, dental dams, anaesthesia equipment, aprons, and tubing
- ➔ wetsuits, racquet and club handles
- ➔ headphones, condoms and diaphragms, goggles, utility gloves, swimwear, toys, hoses, tubing, and elastic
- ➔ fungicides, pesticides and animal repellent

This list is not exhaustive.

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