

Latex Allergy Alert

For further information about latex allergy contact:

<http://latexallergylinks.tripod.com>

www.latexallergyresources.org

<http://nrc.uchsc.edu/TIPS/latex.htm>

www.healthoregon.org/dermatitis,

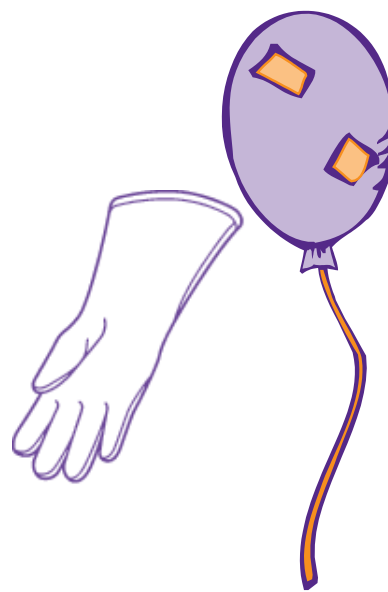
or 503-731-4025

Who can get latex allergy?

Over time babies and children (and adults) may develop a serious allergy from being touched, or even being close to single-use, disposable latex gloves.

Latex gloves may cause:

- Red, itchy skin rash
- Hives
- Itchy, watery eyes
- Runny nose
- Breathing problems (asthma)
- Even life-threatening reactions



How can you prevent latex allergy problems?

- **Do Not use latex gloves** for changing diapers
- Check with your health care providers — make sure they DO NOT use single-use disposable latex gloves for examining or treating your baby
- Check with your child care providers — make sure they DO NOT use single-use disposable latex gloves for child care or handling food
- If gloves are needed, use non-latex gloves such as vinyl or polyvinyl chloride, or nitrile
- Be aware of latex in consumer goods. Read labels. Non-latex pacifiers, nipples and toys are available. For non-latex alternatives in consumer products see:
- www.latexallergyresources.org/Product_lists/consumer_products.cfm
- Consult your doctor if you suspect that your baby has allergies