

Are You Latex-Sensitive?

(NAPSA)—Disposable gloves belong in every home. They provide an excellent barrier, protecting hands from all sorts of household germs and grime. But beware. If you or someone in your family is latex-sensitive, using a latex glove can cause uncomfortable side effects.



Though useful, latex gloves can cause an allergic reaction.

Latex gloves are made from a sap-like substance harvested from the rubber tree. Individuals allergic to proteins from this tree can experience mild to severe symptoms which may include hives, itching, runny nose, watery eyes, facial swelling, abdominal cramps, diarrhea, nausea, difficulty breathing, rapid heart rate, sudden drop in blood pressure, dizziness or anaphylactic shock.

If either the individual wearing the latex gloves or the person being contacted by the gloves experiences any of these symptoms, discontinue use, wash your hands and consult a physician.

Though latex allergies are uncommon, they do occur. If you think you or someone in your household is latex-sensitive, choose a nitrile or vinyl glove instead.

Kimberly-Clark offers latex, nitrile and vinyl disposable gloves. For more information, contact Kimberly-Clark Health Care at (800) KC-HELPS or visit the Web site at www.kchealthcare.com/retail.