

## FDA warns of lead poisoning risk from cosmetic clay

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(HealthDay)—A beauty clay sold at major retail outlets may put users at

risk for lead poisoning, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration warned Friday.

Alikay Naturals Bentonite Me Baby is sold online and in [retail stores](#), including Target, Amazon.com, and Sally Beauty Supply, according to the FDA. Alikay Naturals' website claims that the clay purifies and clarifies both skin and hair. However, FDA lab tests found elevated levels of lead in the clay and the agency has advised consumers not to use the product.

The FDA said it first learned of the high lead content in the clay from the Minnesota Department of Health, but there have not been any confirmed cases of [lead poisoning](#) associated with the clay.

Anyone who has used the product or given it to a child should consult a doctor immediately, the FDA added. According to the company's website, the clay is made from aged [volcanic ash](#) and the product should only be used once a week on the face and no more than twice a month on the hair.

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