

Retirees:

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A Message from Thibaut Mongon

Executive Vice President, Worldwide Chairman, Consumer Health

Dear Global Employees,

At Johnson & Johnson, the safety of those who use our products is our top priority. Out of an abundance of caution, today we have initiated a [voluntary recall](#) in the United States of a single lot of Johnson's Baby Powder. This action is in response to a U.S. FDA test of Johnson's Baby Powder – from a single bottle, purchased from a third-party online retailer – that indicated the presence of sub-trace levels of industrial crystalline asbestos contamination (no greater than 0.00002%).

We were surprised to learn of the FDA findings, as we have a rigorous testing standard in place to ensure our cosmetic talc is safe and years of testing, including the FDA's own testing on prior occasions, as recently as last month, found no asbestos. In fact, thousands of tests over the past 40 years repeatedly confirm that our consumer talc products do not contain asbestos.

Internal teams are conducting a rigorous investigation and working with the FDA to determine the integrity of the tested sample, and the validity of the test results. In particular, we are assessing if there was cross-contamination of the sample, whether the sample was taken from a bottle that was sealed, or if the tested product is potentially counterfeit.

For 133 years, Johnson & Johnson has committed to putting the needs and well-being of the people we serve first. Please know that we are working diligently to resolve this matter. Additional information about our talc can always be found at our website, <https://www.factsabouttalc.com/>.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thibaut Mongon'.

Thibaut Mongon

Executive Vice President, Johnson & Johnson
Worldwide Chairman, Consumer Health

