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# Health Hazard Alert

## Certain Pear Juices for Toddlers May Contain Arsenic



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The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Loblaws Inc. are warning the public not to consume certain pear juices for toddlers because these products may be contaminated with arsenic.

For details related to the affected products please refer to the  
**Canadian Food Inspection Agency Web site:**  
<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/corpaffr/rearapp/2008/20080311e.shtml>

Health Canada and CFIA (Canadian Food Inspection Agency) routinely monitor products in the marketplace for compliance to safety standards. The products identified have levels of arsenic only slightly above that of regulations. Their withdrawal from the marketplace was to prevent chronic exposure. NO health consequences should come from short term or one time exposures.

Health Canada does NOT recommend biologic sample testing for arsenic on any child (symptomatic or not). Children who have symptoms, who may also have consumed these products, should be assessed by their family physicians.

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