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SHELLAC

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Description

Uses & Effectiveness We currently have no information for SHELLAC overview. Overview Shellac is a resin that is secreted by an insect onto tree trunks. The resin is scraped off and mainly used in food coatings, cosmetics, and varnishes. Shellac is a natural glue and clear coating. It was previously used in dentistry to make dentures and other products, and also as a coating on drug tablets. It's not often used for these purposes anymore because it ages overtime. People sometimes use shellac for tooth sensitivity and other conditions, but there's no good scientific evidence to support these uses. Don't confuse medicinal shellac with shellac wood finishes, which are poisonous. Did you know that Shellac is a natural resin secreted by the female lac bug? It is commonly used in the food industry as a glaze for fruits, vegetables, and even candy, providing a glossy finish and helping preserve freshness. **Side Effects** When taken by mouth: Shellac is commonly consumed in foods. There isn't enough reliable information to know if shellac is safe to use in larger amounts as medicine or what the side effects might be. When applied to the skin: There isn't enough reliable information to know if shellac is safe. Some people can have an allergy to shellac. Shellac is found in mascara, lipstick, tattoo ink, and other products. **Interactions** We currently have no information for SHELLAC overview. **Special Precautions and Warnings** When taken by mouth: Shellac is commonly consumed in foods. There isn't enough reliable information to know if shellac is safe to use in larger amounts as medicine or what the side effects might be. When applied to the skin: There isn't enough reliable information to know if shellac is safe. Some people can have an allergy to shellac. Shellac is found in mascara, lipstick, tattoo ink, and other products. **Pregnancy and breast-feeding:** There isn't enough reliable information to know if shellac is safe to use when pregnant or breast-feeding. Stay on the safe side and avoid amounts greater than those found in food. **Dosing** Shellac is found in many foods, varnishes, and cosmetics. As medicine, there isn't enough reliable information to know what an appropriate dose of shellac might be. Keep in mind that natural products are not always necessarily safe and dosages can be important. Be sure to follow relevant directions on product labels and consult a healthcare professional before using.

Side Effects

Uses

Interactions

For more information, contact the Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development at 319-335-1131 or research@uiowa.edu.

Other Details
