

COSMETIC AND HOUSEHOLD PRODUCT RESEARCH



Every year, thousands of new cosmetic, personal care and household products are introduced into the marketplace. Virtually all of them have been animal-tested at various stages of their development. The manufacturers of cosmetics and household products claim that they perform tests on animals to ensure the safety of their products under customary use or possible abuse, when in reality it is to limit the company's liability to its customers in case of a lawsuit.

It is believed that the law requires animal testing on cosmetics. This is untrue. Animal testing on cosmetics is not required by law, although the USA Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does urge companies to conduct whatever toxicological tests are appropriate to substantiate the safety of their products. As a result, millions of rabbits and other animals continue to be the innocent victims of deadly poisoning. Painful eye and skin irritancy tests are also routinely carried out. Toxic products that have been tested on animals such as permanent wave solutions, oven cleaners, soaps and detergents are regularly introduced into the marketplace. That's because no amount of animal testing can change the fact that many of these products are harmful if ingested or used in a way not intended by the manufacturer. Animal testing merely determines the level of toxicity. Despite the fact that they have been animal-tested, these products are no less deadly if a person eats or drinks them accidentally .

Apart from cosmetics and household products, animals are used in psychological studies, to test drugs and pharmaceutical products, agricultural products (fertilizers, insecticides) and to test weapons on. The use of animals in the arms industry is particularly abhorrent, wicked and cruel.

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