

What Chemical Exposures Do Black Women Face in California Workplaces?

About half a million Black women work in California, with a majority working in the health care, education, childcare, retail, justice, public order, safety, and administrative sectors.

More than 80,000 Black women work as hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists, where they may be exposed to health risks from chemicals, including:



- Parabens
- Phthalates
- Alkylphenol Ethoxylates
- Antimicrobials
- Dyes
- Solvents
- Fragrances

Educating Black Women to Increase Wellness

Black Women for Wellness is partnering with statewide public health researchers to gather and synthesize data to spotlight chemical exposures faced by working women in California. Our partners are the California Department of Public Health and the Cancer Prevention Institute of California, with support from the California Breast Cancer Research Program.

We aim to use the project findings to educate Black women and mitigate exposures they may face on the job that could pose health risks.

At the conclusion of the study, the public will be able to use a web-based tool to see and explore the data.

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