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CA Safe Cosmetics Program a Resource for Salon Workers

After a recent [New York Times exposé](#) detailed rampant wage theft and health hazards in New York City's nail salons, lawmakers have responded with emergency measures. These include forming a new statewide Enforcement Task Force to reinforce wage and hour laws and new health and safety rules in that state.

The exposé and its aftermath have increased awareness around the country of the toxic chemicals found in nail salon products and other cosmetics.



Photo: Salon workers may be exposed to toxic chemicals in

But because salon product manufacturers are not required to list ingredients on their labels and required Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for hazardous materials are under-utilized, consumers and salon workers may not know whether toxic chemicals are in the products they use.

Californians benefit from a unique law requiring companies to report to the state cosmetic products containing ingredients known or suspected to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

In 2014, the [California Safe Cosmetics Program \(CSCP\)](#) launched an online, searchable [database](#) that allows salon workers and others to learn which cosmetic products have been reported. Companies have reported to the CSCP nearly 8,000 nail products, which workers and consumers can find by searching the database by chemical, product name and type, or company.

Resources

[CSCP Database](#)

[California Safe Cosmetics Program](#)

[OHB](#) improves California worker health and safety through prevention activities. We gather information on job hazards, test new approaches to prevent worker injury and illness, and help make changes at the workplace.

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