

Cordial de Monell FAQ

This fact sheet gives information about a dangerous teething product called *Monell's Teething Cordial*. In Spanish it is called *Cordial de Monell para la Dentición*.

What is Cordial de Monell?

Cordial de Monell is a liquid used to treat pain from teething or colic in babies. *Cordial de Monell* is made in the Dominican Republic.

What does *Cordial de Monell* look like?

Cordial de Monell is sold in small glass bottles covered with yellow paper with black letters. The bottle has a white label with black letters and has the name "*Cordial de Monell para la Dentición*" on it.



Why is *Cordial de Monell* dangerous?

Cordial de Monell has a dangerous chemical called *potassium bromide* {*bromuro de potasio*}. Children and babies, who are given *Cordial de Monell* can experience brain effects, tiredness, coma, nausea, vomiting, and decreased appetite. It is against the law to sell this product in NYC.

What is being done to stop the sale of *Cordial de Monell*?

The company that sells *Cordial de Monell* to stores sent warning notices to stores. The warning notice tells storeowners to stop selling *Cordial de Monell* and to return products to the distributor. See the recall notice by following this link:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ArchiveRecalls/2009/ucm135958.htm> .

What should business owners do if they sell these products?

- Immediately stop selling *Cordial de Monell* and remove all products from the store shelves and from the store inventory.
- Package and return these products to the distributor.
- Post a warning sign in the stores to warn customers not to use *Cordial de Monell*. Call 311 to ask for a warning sign to post in your store.

What should I do if I use *Cordial de Monell* or other imported health products?

- Immediately stop using *Cordial de Monell*.
- Throw it away in the garbage.
- Call 311 to report places where *Cordial de Monell* has been sold.
- Talk to your doctor about treatments for teething and colic.
- Beware of the possible danger of using imported products. They may not be safe or FDA-approved.
- Never use products that are sold without labels.
- Any time you suspect a poisoning or have a question about toxic products call the Poison Control Center 24 hours a day at:
 - English-speaking callers, call: (212) POISONS (764-7667)
 - Spanish- speaking callers, call: (212) VENENOS (836-3667)

For more information about what you can do to take care of your baby, go to

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/ms/ms-chilfsafety-bro.pdf> and see “Take Good Care of Your Baby: What Everyone Can Do”.