

Talc

Talc is a naturally occurring mineral and its main component is hydrated magnesium silicate. It is utilized in various industries such as paper, paint, rubber, plastic, ceramic, agrichemicals, medicine, and cosmetics. For cosmetics, it is often used in foundations and eyeshadows because of its smooth texture and absorbing characteristics.

There is a concern that talc may be contaminated by asbestos fibers, which can cause cancer if inhaled. Asbestos is also a naturally occurring silicate mineral, and its presence in the earth is sometimes close to that of talc. Therefore, it is important to carefully select mining locations and investigate asbestos contamination. There are many different grades of talc according to its usage purpose. Cosmetics use high quality and high purity talc.

Kao complies with the laws and regulations of all countries and regions in which we operate. Additionally, we conduct rigorous safety assessments and perform a wide range of product-use tests on the Kao Safety Standards*, so that you can use our products safely. We select the talc of high purity that does not contain asbestos and use it for some of our products. We continuously explore new scientific findings relevant to the ingredients we use and review the safety of our in-market products. We are committed to continuing to develop our products for a better customer experience and increased product safety.



*Kao Safety Standards for Products

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