

WHAT ACTIVITIES DOES THE ASSOCIATION CARRY OUT?

It gives information about their condition to its associate members.

It makes information talks in order to make the problems of the people allergic to latex known.

It requests authorities the correct labelling information in order to know where latex is.

It gets the implication of the Public Sanitary System so as to get medical care without risks.

It gets in touch with the media in order to make known the problems of the people allergic to latex.

It takes part in congresses, lectures, etc.

It gets in touch and maintains links with national and international associations and other organizations who attain similar aim.



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ALLERGIC
TO
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SPANISH
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WHAT IS TO BE ALLERGIC TO LATEX?

It is an exaggerated response of the human organism against Latex-Rubber (allergen agent) which is harmless to non allergic people.



HOW CAN WE GET IN CONTACT TO LATEX?

Cutaneous (skin or mucous membranes).

Inhalation (latex gets to the lungs by breathing).

Ingestion (by eating anything which has been touched with latex gloves).

Parenteral (by getting an injection with a needle that has perforated a rubber top, by being touched in a wound with latex gloves).

WHAT REACTIONS CAN LATEX PRODUCE US?

SLIGHT REACTIONS (rash, hives, rhinitis, conjunctivitis...)

MILD REACTIONS (generalized hives, angioedema ...)

SERIOUS REACTIONS (Rhinoconjunctivitis, asthma, diarrhoea...)

VERY SERIOUS REACTIONS (anafilactic shock)

WHAT TREATMENT DOES IT HAVE?

? Mainly to avoid any kind of contact with natural Latex-Rubber.

? **Symptomatic.**

? **In some specific cases immunotherapy.**



WHERE CAN WE FIND LATEX?

Since this material is very much in use at the present moment, it can be found in great number of consumer goods (more than 40.000 are estimated to contain latex), for example:

TYRES
MOTORICLE HILTS
BALLOONS
DOMESTIC USE GLOVES
CONDOMS
DIAPHRAGMS
CHILDREN'S TOYS
WATER GAMES
FEEDING BOTTLE TEATS
DUMMIES
RACKET HANDLES
RUBBERS /ERASERS
OFFICE RUBBER BANDS SINK

AND WASHBASIN PLUGS
TAP JOINTS
PRESSURE COOKER JOINTS
WASHING MACHINE DRUM JOINTS
DOMESTIC USE AND INDUSTRIAL ADHESIVES
PAINTINGS
ESCALATOR HANDRAILS
STAIR STEPS' COVERINGS
EDGE STAIRS' POTECTION TO AVOID SLIDING
SMALL BOTTLES' HERMETIC JOINTS



ELECTRIC WIRES
CAR DOORS' HERMETIC JOINTS
CAR LIQUID AND AIR PIPES
UNDERWEAR'S RUBBER BANDS
BRA'S RUBBER BANDS
SWIMMING SUITS' RUBBER BANDS
SOCKS AND PATIES' RUBBER BANDS
RUBBER PANTIES
ELASTIC GIRDELS
HAIR RUBBER BANDS
WRISTBANDS, KNEE PADS,

ANKLE SUPPORTS, ETC
SHOES' SOLES, SLIPPERS' SOLES, TRAINERS' SOLES
RUBBER BOOTS
MATTRESSES
PILLOWS
ADHESIVE TAPES
STICKING PLASTERS
SWIMMING POOL PROTECTIVE SOCKS AND CAPS
CAR MATS
BATH RUBBER MATS
AIR BEDS
RUBBER RINGS
ARMBANDS



WHAT IS THE ALLERGIC TO LATEX SPANISH ASSOCIATION?

It is a private association, with non profitable aims that attains to achieve a better knowledge of this condition and of the medical and social needs of the people allergic to latex.

WHAT ARE THE ASSOCIATION'S GOALS?

It's aim is to promote and defend, within its domain, everything related to people allergic to latex in the legal, social, labour, medical care, cultural, educational, scientific and investigation aspect.