

RECALLED

WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree (All Lots)



Weis Cinnamon Apple Sauce (Lot: 05023:28)



Schnucks Apple Sauce with Cinnamon (Lots: 05023:19; 09023:22; and 09023:24)



US RECALL: Baby Food Pouches

In November 2023, the US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) along with Centers for Disease Control (CDC) were investigating links between “Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree pouches” and reports of elevated blood lead levels.

The products were manufactured in Ecuador and were sold under the brands:

- WanaBana
- Weis
- Schnucks

It was clear that the likely culprit was cinnamon.

We’re still keen to see what other countries are doing about this - including Australia and New Zealand.

👤 **My advice is -**

If you’ve got any store-bought pureed cinnamon apple products OR cinnamon porridge food pouches containing cinnamon from Sri Lanka, keep them safely out of reach of children until your state or territory food safety agency has tested and declared them safe in Australia.

If you’ve regularly fed your children these cinnamon-containing baby food pouches, go to your GP and ask for a blood lead series and organise for the blood to be collected at a public hospital pathology clinic.

The US FDA says that most children have no obvious immediate symptoms, so don’t wait, get your child blood lead tested if they’ve eaten any cinnamon-containing baby foods.

Read more here <https://leadsafeworld.com/LAN-applesauce> and check the next page for updates.



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