

# YOU SHOULD KNOW

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## Gentle Enough for Babies' Bottoms?

Last month we told you about a new report on the worst corporate conduct in 2018. Based on breaking news from Reuters, the New York Times and others, we may have our first “worst conduct” nominee for 2019. Internal documents uncovered in lawsuits against healthcare giant Johnson & Johnson indicate that the company knew for years that its iconic Baby Powder might be tainted with traces of cancer-causing asbestos. The company adamantly denies any link between its talc-based products and cancer, but nearly 12,000 lawsuits allege otherwise. Here’s what you should know about this troubling story.



## New Report Says Baby Powder Giant Knew of Cancer Risk



The fragrance of baby powder is distinct and comforting. It conjures images of newborn babies or toweling off after a warm shower. But the reality isn’t quite so idyllic for thousands of Americans who claim that trace amounts of asbestos in talc caused their cancer. Now a new investigation by Reuters argues that Johnson & Johnson, the world’s largest manufacturer of talc-based baby powder, may have known – and covered up – the cancer-causing risk of its iconic product for decades.

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### BY THE NUMBERS

# 12,000

Nearly 12,000 women suffering from mesothelioma and cervical cancer allege in lawsuits that Johnson & Johnson talc products caused

### VIDEO BOOKMARK

#### ***Baby Powder Tainted by Asbestos, Says Report***

Reuters reporter Lisa Girion tells MSNBC how Johnson & Johnson kept concerns about its baby powder secret for

their illnesses.

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decades.

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## TALC SUBSTITUTES

**Looking for safe alternatives to talc baby powder and shower products? Here are five options from Mother Nature Network.**

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