



Teething & Belladonna



Health and Safety Information for Child Care Providers

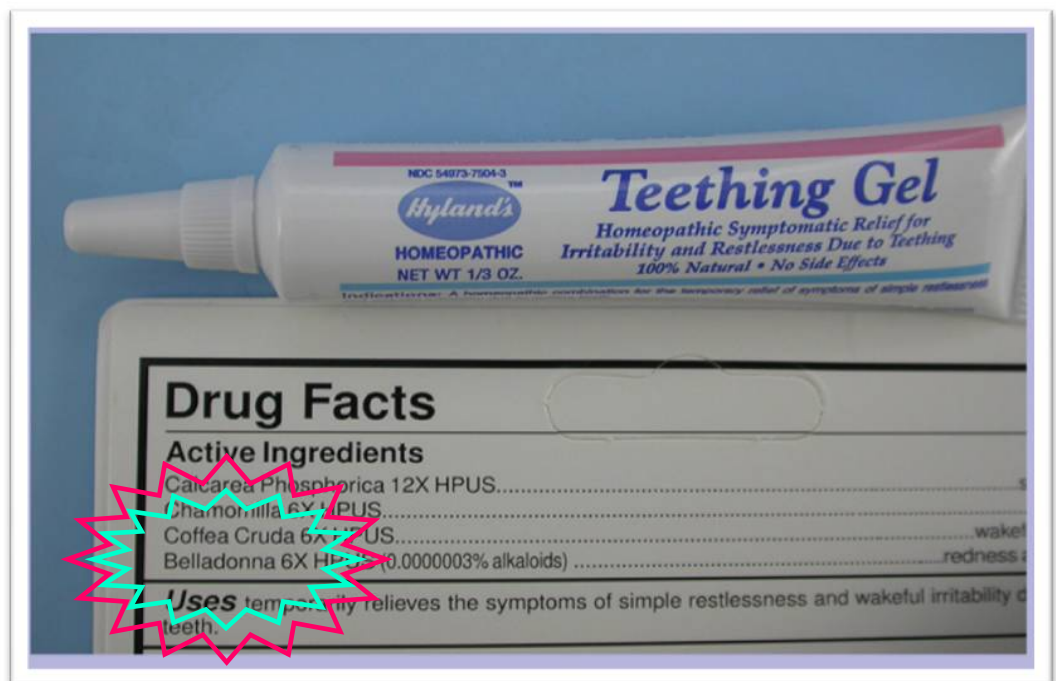
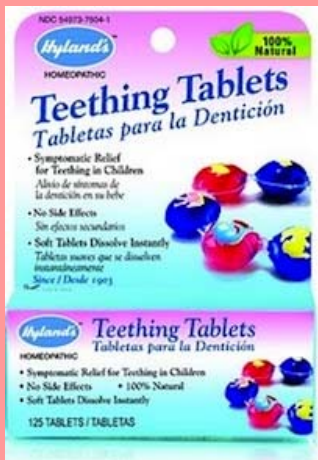
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<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/druginfo/natural/531.html>

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/Pediatrics/GeneralPediatrics/22959>



According to the *National Institute of Health*, Belladonna, a plant whose roots and leaves are used to make medicine, is unsafe when taken by mouth. It contains toxic chemicals that can block functions of the body's nervous system.

Belladonna is an ingredient in many teething tablets and gels. In October 2010, the Standard Homeopathic Company, which produces Hyland's Teething Tablets and Gels, announced a recall of its own the product after reports of "serious adverse events" including seizure, difficulty breathing, and muscle weakness.

The FDA reports that the tablets contain inconsistent amounts of Belladonna. The tablets have not been evaluated by the FDA for safety or effectiveness. The use of teething products containing Belladonna is discouraged in child care settings.

