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LIST OF **LATEX-FREE** PRODUCTS

EXPOSURE TO LATEX CONTAINING PRODUCTS MAY RESULT IN RESPIRATORY AND SKIN ALLERGIES.

The use of latex products can vary widely based on specific industries, workplaces and applications, and similarly for domestic/household and leisure applications. Examples of some products are provided; however, please note that this list is not exhaustive, and contact details are likely to change from the date of last update. The list of suppliers (brick and mortar and online) are merely an example that there are suppliers available for many latex-free or low latex products but is by no means an endorsement of any company or supplier. Furthermore, many latex-free products are available through online-shopping beyond the South African borders. Note, that the products have not been evaluated for latex content and thus should be assessed by the end user. In addition, also note that some individuals may not be allergic to latex but to components in rubber products such as Thiurams, and others may be allergic to both latex and rubber components. It's important to choose an alternative product specific to its requirement, performance and efficacy and that which would not cause additional allergies to the end user or harm to the environment.

To search for the latex-free alternative item, copy and paste the italicised description or type it in the URL provided. Once the product is identified, carefully read the product description or contact the supplier/manufacturer for more information to verify that its free of latex. To obtain a list of different suppliers search for the product/item on the internet using the description provided.

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GENERAL ITEMS IN OCCUPATIONAL SETTINGS

LATEX PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION	LATEX-FREE ALTERNATIVE	SUPPLIER	CONTACT DETAILS
Adhesives and Sealants	Used in various industries for bonding and sealing, offering excellent adhesion to various surfaces and are suitable for both porous and non-porous substrates. Commonly used in woodworking, construction, packaging, and crafts. Latex sealants, on the other hand, create airtight and watertight seals in joints and gaps.	Acrylic Adhesives: offer good bonding strength and are suitable for different applications, including construction, packaging and crafts.	Builders	www.builders.co.za
		Polyurethane Adhesives: provide strong bonds and are known for their flexibility. Used in automotive, construction and woodworking industries.	Builders	www.builders.co.za
		Silicone Sealants: highly flexible and resistant to temperature extremes, thus suitable for indoor and outdoor applications.	Builders	www.builders.co.za
		Epoxy Adhesives: offer excellent bonding strength, especially for rigid materials. Used in construction, electronics and automotive industries.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Cyanoacrylate Adhesives: also known as super glue, cyanoacrylate adhesives provide fast and strong bonds on a variety of surfaces.	AMT Composites	www.amtcomposites.co.za
		Butyl Rubber Sealants: known for their excellent water resistance and are often used for sealing roofs, windows, and joints.	Geo-Line	www.geo-line.co.za
		Hybrid Sealants: characteristics of different adhesive types offering strong bonding and flexibility. Used in construction and automotive.	DigiKey	www.digikey.co.za
		Water-Based Adhesives: are environmentally friendly alternatives that are used in various industries, including packaging and paper.	Builders	www.builders.co.za
		Pressure-Sensitive Adhesives (PSAs): offer quick and easy bonding without the need for heat or solvents. Used in tapes, labels and stickers.	Pratley	www.pratleyadhesives.com
		Non-Toxic Glues: made from natural materials like cornstarch or vegetable starch. Used for simpler bonding tasks.	Elmers	www.elmers.co.za

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Commercial and agricultural fungicides and pesticides	Used in commercial and agricultural settings to protect crops from fungal diseases and pests. These formulations combine active ingredients and adhere to plant surfaces, ensuring prolonged contact and controlled release of active ingredients.	Biological Agents: beneficial insects and microorganisms can be used to control pests and diseases naturally.	Andermatt Madumbi	www.andermatt.co.za
		Neem Oil: neem oil acts as a repellent and disrupts insect growth, making it effective against a range of pests.	Ninelife	www.ninelife.co.za
		Pyrethrin: derived from chrysanthemum flowers, pyrethrin is a natural insecticide with low toxicity to humans, animals and beneficial insects.	Earth&Jungle	www.earthandjungle.com
		Mineral-Based Pesticides: Compounds like diatomaceous earth and kaolin clay create physical barriers or disrupt pests' exoskeletons.	Hydroponic	www.hydroponic.co.za
		Essential Oils: certain essential oils like peppermint, garlic, and thyme have insecticidal properties and can be used as natural repellents.	Bonsai Tree	www.bonsaitree.co.za
		Biodegradable Soap: soaps derived from natural sources can suffocate soft-bodied insects and are less harmful to the environment.	GrowGuru	www.growguru.co.za
		Insecticidal Soaps: low-toxicity soaps are designed to disrupt pests' cell membranes, effectively controlling them.	Earth&Jungle	www.earthandjungle.com
		Plant-Based Oils: oils like soybean or canola can suffocate pests and interfere with their metabolism.	Hydroponic	www.hydroponic.co.za
		Microbial Insecticides: certain bacteria and fungi can infect and kill pests while safe for humans and the environment.	TheGroBro	www.thegrobro.co.za
		Traps and Barriers: sticky traps, pheromone traps and physical barriers can help control pests without chemicals.	Pest Store	www.peststore.co.za
Conveyor belts	Conveyor belts are durable, flexible materials used in industry for material transfer. Comprises a blend of synthetic rubber and fabrics, offering elasticity and adhesion.	Polyurethane belts: provide excellent resistance to abrasion, chemicals, and UV exposure, making them ideal for demanding environments.	Truco Rubber	www.trucorubber.com
		Polyester belts: a viable option offering strong tensile strength and dimensional stability.	Truco Rubber	www.trucorubber.com
Dental dams	Used to isolate a specific tooth or area during dental treatment.	Non-latex synthetic dental dams: offer elasticity and strength comparable to latex and provide an effective barrier.	DesertCart	www.desertcart.co.za
Earphones	Latex earphones are audio devices that incorporate latex rubber components in their construction. Like the ear tips or cushions made from latex, which can provide a comfortable fit and noise isolation but may pose a risk to latex sensitised individuals.	Silicone Earphones: offer a soft and flexible material that conforms to the ear canal, providing a comfortable and secure fit.	Pgifts	www.pgifts.co.za
		Foam Earphones: features memory foam tips that expand to fit the ear canal, creating a snug seal for noise isolation and comfort.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Plastic Earphones: ear tips made from medical-grade plastic. May not offer as much flexibility as other materials.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Cloth-Covered Earphones: cloth or woollen-covered ear pieces offer a soft and hypoallergenic alternative for individuals with latex sensitivities.	SleepZen	www.sleepzen.co.za

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Electrical cords	Electrical cords are power cables with outer coatings or sheaths made from latex rubber. They are used to connect electronic devices/appliances to power sources. The latex coating provides flexibility, protection against wear and tear, as well as insulation.	Thermoplastic Cords: thermoplastic coatings provide flexibility and protection without latex content.	RS Pro	www.za.rs-online.com
		Polyvinyl Cords: PVC coatings are durable and widely used as latex-free alternatives. They offer good insulation and protection.	Builders	www.builders.co.za
		Rubber Cords: rubber-coated cords provide flexibility and durability without latex. Suitable for outdoor use and heavy-duty applications.	RS Pro	www.za.rs-online.com
		Silicone Cords: silicone-coated cords offer heat resistance, flexibility, and latex-free properties. Suitable for high-temperature environments.	Builders	www.builders.co.za
		Nylon Cords: cords with nylon outer sheaths provide abrasion resistance and durability without latex content.	Builders	www.builders.co.za
		Polyethylene Cords: polyethylene coatings are lightweight, weather-resistant, and latex-free, making them suitable for outdoor use.	Builders	www.builders.co.za
		Thermoplastic elastomers Cords: TPE offer flexibility, durability, and latex-free properties, making them suitable for various applications.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
Laboratory equipment	Laboratory equipment such as tools and devices commonly used in diagnostic and research laboratories may contain latex components. These components can include seals, gaskets, consumables made from latex rubber.	Silicone Seals and Gaskets: used as an alternative to latex for creating seals, gaskets, and stoppers in laboratory equipment.	Contact lab equipment supplier	
		Teflon (PTFE) Tubing: commonly used for its chemical resistance and durability, making it a latex-free option for fluid transfer and air sampling.	LabFriend	www.labfriend.co.za
		Plastic Stopcocks: offer fluid control in laboratory equipment and can be used as a latex-free alternative to rubber stoppers.	SmartLabs	www.smartlabs.co.za
		Polypropylene Containers: suitable for various laboratory applications and offer a latex-free option for storing or transporting samples.	Reflecta Laboratory Supplies	www.labequipsupply.co.za
		Glassware: beakers, flasks and test tubes offers a latex-free option for containing and analysing substances.	Reflecta Laboratory Supplies	www.labequipsupply.co.za
		PVC Tubing: is a latex-free alternative for fluid transfer in laboratory setups.	LabFriend	www.labfriend.co.za
Latex coatings	Latex coatings are thin layers of latex-based materials applied to various surfaces for protection, decoration, or functionality. It is used for waterproofing, and provides durability, and enhanced appearance. It can be applied on walls, furniture, textiles, lining of fuel tanks, etc.	Water-Based Coatings: are often latex-free and provide protection and colour enhancement for surfaces.	Builders	www.builders.co.za
		Polyurethane Coatings: offer durability and resistance to abrasion and chemicals without the use of latex.	Builders	www.builders.co.za
		Acrylic Coatings: are versatile and provide protection, clarity, and UV resistance for various surfaces.	Builders	www.builders.co.za
		Epoxy Coatings: are suitable for floors and industrial surfaces, offering durability and chemical resistance without latex content.	Builders	www.builders.co.za
		Oil-Based Coatings: some latex-free oil-based coatings can provide protection and colour enhancement for surfaces like wood.	Builders	www.builders.co.za

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Latex coatings cont.		Silicone Coatings: offer weather resistance and water repellence for surfaces, making them suitable for outdoor applications.	AfricCoatings	www.africcoatings.co.za
		Powder Coatings: applied as a dry powder and then cured, providing a durable and smooth finish without latex.	Builders	www.builders.co.za
		Teflon (PTFE) Liners: known for their nonstick and chemical-resistant properties, making them suitable for fuel tank lining.	RS Pro	www.za.rs-online.com
		Vinyl Ester Coatings: provide resistance to a wide range of chemicals and can also be used for fuel tank lining.	Builders	www.builders.co.za
		Ceramic Coatings: offer high-temperature resistance and protection for surfaces like automotive paint.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
Latex flooring	Latex flooring refers to floor coverings or materials that contain latex components. This may include adhesives, backing, or coatings made from latex rubber. Latex is often chosen for its resilience and comfort underfoot.	Hardwood Flooring: offers a natural look, with a variety of wood species to choose from.	The Flooring Company	www.theflooringcompany.co.za
		Laminate Flooring: a cost-effective alternative that can mimic the appearance of hardwood, tile or stone.	The Flooring Company	www.theflooringcompany.co.za
		Vinyl Flooring: available in sheets, tiles or planks, offering a wide range of styles and colours. It's durable and easy to clean.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Cork Flooring: is a soft and comfortable underfoot, providing thermal and sound insulation.	The Deckle Edge	www.deckleedge.co.za
		Tile Flooring: ceramic, porcelain or natural stone, offers durability and a variety of design options.	CTM	www.ctm.co.za
		Carpet Tiles: allow for flexible design and are easy to replace if a section becomes damaged.	Top Carpets and Floors	www.topcarpetsandfloors.co.za
		Rubber Flooring: provides cushioning and is suitable for areas with high foot traffic.	MultiLock Tiles	www.multilocktiles.co.za
Latex foam	Latex foam refers to cushioning or padding materials made from latex rubber. It is commonly used in mattresses, pillows, upholstery, and other comfort products. Latex foam offers a combination of support and softness, conforming to body contours while providing resilience. However poses a risk to latex allergy sufferers.	Memory Foam: a popular alternative known for its ability to contour to body shape and offer pressure relief.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Polyurethane Foam: used as a latex-free substitute, providing cushioning and support for various applications.	DigiKey	www.digikey.co.za
		Cotton or Wool Fiber Fill: natural fibres (e.g. cotton or wool) provide cushioning and support in pillows and mattresses.	Chamdor	www.chamdor.com
		Synthetic Fiber Fill: polyester can offer resilience and comfort in foam alternatives.	Foam Solutions	https://www.foamsolution.co.za/
		Air-Cell Technology: some products utilise air-cell technology to provide support and pressure relief.	Summit surgical	www.summitsurgical.co.za
		Coconut Coir: derived from coconut husks, can provide firm support and ventilation in mattresses and cushions.	I-Go-Eco	www.i-go-eco.co.za

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Masks	Costume masks are facial coverings designed to enhance costumes, disguises, or theatrical performances. They may be made from latex rubber material, providing realistic appearances and creative designs.	Silicone Masks: provide a realistic appearance and can be a latex-free alternative for costume or theatrical purposes.	Ebay	www.ebay.com
		Fabric Costume Masks: made from materials like cloth, felt, or foam offer comfort and customisation for creative costumes.	Masquerade Costumes	www.masqueradecostumes.co.za
		Paper Masks: disposable paper masks offer lightweight and affordable options for short-term use, suitable for certain environments.	iKids	www.ikids.co.za
		Foam Costume Masks: provide cushioning and comfort while allowing for imaginative costume expressions.	Simply Party Supplies	www.simplypartysupplies.co.za
		Hard Plastic Costume Masks: hard plastic masks offer durability and protection while being latex-free.	Simply Party Supplies	www.simplypartysupplies.co.za
		Face Paint and Makeup: consider using face paint and makeup to create intricate costume designs without physical coverings.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
Rubber hoses, seals and cables	Latex rubber hoses, seals and cables are flexible components commonly used in various applications to convey fluids, provide seals or transmit signals. The components are made from latex rubber due to its elasticity and durability.	Silicone Hoses, Seals, and Cables: a versatile material used as an alternative to latex, offering flexibility, heat resistance and durability.	PAR Megastore	www.parmegastore.com
		Neoprene Hoses, Seals, and Cables: a synthetic rubber with good resistance to chemicals and weathering. Suitable for various applications.	RS Pro	www.za.rs-online.com
		Nitrile Hoses, Seals, and Cables: provides resistance to oils and fuels, making it suitable for applications requiring fluid resistance.	RS Pro	www.za.rs-online.com
		EPDM Hoses, Seals, and Cables: offers excellent weather resistance and durability. Suitable for outdoor applications.	RS Pro	www.za.rs-online.com
		Polyurethane Hoses and Cables: offers flexibility and abrasion resistance. Suitable for hoses and cables requiring mechanical durability.	Alrode Industrial	www.alrodeindustrial.co.za
		Teflon (PTFE) Seals and Cables: offers nonstick and chemical-resistant properties. Used in applications requiring resistance to corrosive fluids.	Fowkes Bros	www.fowkes.co.za
		Plastic Hoses and Cables: plastic materials (e.g. PVC or polyethylene) can provide flexibility and durability for hoses and cables.	Communica	www.communica.co.za
Rubber mats	Rubber mats are floor coverings and can be made from latex rubber material as it provides cushioning, grip and durability. These mats suitable for various applications such as gyms, yoga studios and walkways.	Ethylene-vinyl acetate Foam Mats: EVA foam mats offer cushioning and comfort similar to rubber mats without latex content.	PVC Floor Tile	www.pvcfloortileonline.co.za
		Thermoplastic elastomer Mats: TPE mats provide cushioning and durability while being latex-free.	Rubber Online	www.rubberonline.co.za
		Cork Mats: natural and eco-friendly, providing cushioning and antimicrobial properties without latex.	Sportsman's Warehouse	www.sportsmanswarehouse.co.za
		Natural Fiber Mats: natural fibres like jute, sisal or coir offer texture and durability without latex.	Rugs Original	www.rugsoriginal.co.za
		Polyvinyl chloride Mats: PVC mats are durable, water-resistant and latex-free, making them suitable for various applications.	Bubble Plastics	www.bubblesplastics.co.za

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Rubber mats cont.		Memory Foam Mats: offer cushioning and support for comfort without latex.	Home Choice	www.homechoice.co.za
Rubber tires and tubes	Some rubber tires and tubes comprise latex-based rubber compounds in the manufacturing of bicycle, motorcycle, and some high-performance vehicle tires and inner tubes. Latex is chosen for its elastic properties and ability to provide a supple and responsive ride.	Butyl Rubber Tires and Tubes: a synthetic rubber used as a latex-free alternative . Offers good air retention and durability.	Cycle Lab	www.cyclelab.com
		Synthetic Rubber Tires and Tubes: synthetic rubber compounds, like styrene-butadiene rubber (SBR), can serve as latex-free alternatives.	Delta Rubber	www.deltarubber.co.za
		Polyurethane Tires and Tubes: an alternative with durability and flexibility for certain tire and tube applications.	Tube Stone Precision Tyre Brands	www.tubestone.co.za
		Pneumatic Tires: often filled with air or foam, can provide cushioning and performance without latex content.	Supa Quick	www.errolstyres.co.za
		Solid Rubber Tires: offer puncture resistance and durability, eliminating the need for inner tubes in certain applications.	National Castors	www.nationalcastors.co.za
Shock absorbers	Latex shock absorbers refer to components used in various applications, such as vehicles and machinery, to dampen shocks and vibrations. These absorbers contain latex rubber components providing elasticity and cushioning, enhancing the comfort and stability of the equipment.	Polyurethane Shock Absorbers: offers elasticity and durability as a latex-free alternative for shock absorbers.	Snatcher	www.snatcher.co.za
		Rubber Shock Absorbers: synthetic rubber compounds can provide cushioning and resilience without latex content.	Ace Auto Scrapyard	www.aceauto.co.za
		Air Suspension Systems: use compressed air to provide adjustable shock absorption without the need for latex.	AirLux Suspension	www.airluxsuspension.com
		Coil Spring Shock Absorbers: offer resilience and dampening in various applications.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Hydraulic Shock Absorbers: provide controlled dampening and shock absorption without latex components.	Modern Auto Parts	www.modernautoparts.co.za
Springs	Latex springs refer to mechanical components made from latex rubber that are used to store and release energy. The springs are used in various applications, such as mattresses, upholstery, and mechanical systems, to provide cushioning, support, and shock absorption.	Metal Springs: steel or alloy springs, are used as latex-free alternatives in various applications due to their durability and elasticity.	GJR Wire Forming	www.gjrwireformingcc.co.za
		Coil Springs: made from metal materials offer resilience and support as latex-free alternatives.	Protune	www.protunebike.co.za
		Air Springs: use compressed air to provide adjustable support and cushioning without latex components.	GremelTech	www.shop.airsuspension.co.za

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

LATEX PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION	LATEX-FREE ALTERNATIVE	SUPPLIER	CONTACT DETAILS
Aprons (protective rubber)	Latex protective rubber aprons are garments designed to shield clothing and skin from spills, splashes, and contaminants in various environments. They offer water resistance and durability, however can pose a risk to allergy sufferers.	Vinyl Aprons: provide water resistance and protection without latex content, making them suitable for various applications.	MedQ Supplies	www.medqsupplies.co.za
		Polyethylene Aprons: offer lightweight protection and are ideal for tasks where disposability is important.	TrustMed Health & Safety	www.trustmed.co.za
		Polyvinyl chloride Aprons: PVC aprons provide resistance to chemicals and offer protection without latex components.	Safety Supplies	www.safetysupplies.shop
		Polyester Aprons: polyester fabric can provide a protective barrier and are suitable for light-duty tasks.	RS South Africa	www.za.rs-online.com
		Tyvek Aprons: lightweight, breathable and provide a barrier against particles and liquids without latex.	Protekta	www.protekta.co.za
		Canvas or Fabric Aprons: offer protection in various settings and can be a latex-free option.	Total Guard	www.totalguard.co.za
Bouffant caps	Bouffant caps are PPE commonly used in healthcare and food settings to prevent contamination and maintain a sterile environment. These items may contain natural rubber latex in their construction. The latex material can contribute to the flexibility, comfort and secure fit.	Polypropylene Bouffant Caps: offer a latex-free option for maintaining a sterile environment. They are lightweight and breathable.	PPE Hygiene	www.ppehygiene.co.za
		Spun bond Bouffant Caps: often latex-free and provide effective hair containment and protection.	Ahmed's Textiles	www.ahmeds.co.za
		Disposable Bouffant Caps: disposable bouffant caps made from latex-free materials for single-use scenarios.	Delta Health and Safety Equipment	www.deltahealth.co.za
Boots	Latex safety boots are protective footwear designed for various hazardous environments (e.g. construction, manufacturing and mining), incorporating latex components in their construction. These boots offer durability, safety features and resistance to chemicals, contaminants and impacts.	Rubber Safety Boots: provide waterproof and chemical-resistant protection, suitable for various industrial environments.	Total Guard	www.totalguard.co.za
		Polyurethane Safety Boots: offer lightweight comfort, durability and resistance to chemicals and abrasions.	Pienaar Bros	www.shop.pienaarbros.co.za
		Leather Safety Boots: provide natural insulation, durability and protection in a range of work settings.	Sanitize Today	www.sanitizetoday.co.za
		Composite Toe Safety Boots: use non-metallic materials like fiberglass or carbon fibre for toe protection without latex.	Total Guard	www.totalguard.co.za
		Steel Toe Safety Boots: offer impact protection for the toes, suitable for heavy-duty work environments.	PPE Hygiene	www.ppehygiene.co.za
		PVC Safety Boots: offer waterproof protection and resistance to chemicals, making them suitable for wet environments.	TrustMed Health & Safety	www.trustmed.co.za

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Earplugs	Latex earplugs are ear protection devices made from natural rubber latex material. they reduce or block out unwanted noise, providing a quieter work environment. they are often soft and pliable, allowing them to conform to the shape of the ear canal for a comfortable fit.	Foam Earplugs: soft, expandable foam material that conforms to the shape of the ear canal. Disposable, affordable and widely available.	Safety Supplies	www.safetysupplies.shop
		Silicone Earplugs: reusable and mouldable to the shape of the ear. Also durable and can be easily cleaned for extended use.	Total Guard	www.totalguard.co.za
		Wax Earplugs: blend of wax and cotton fibres, are soft and can be shaped to fit the ear canal. Comfortable and effective seal against noise.	Dis-Chem	www.dischem.co.za
		Flanged Earplugs: multiple flanges or ridges that help create a seal in the ear canal. Made from rubber or thermoplastic elastomers (TPE).	Safety Supplies	www.safetysupplies.shop
		Custom Moulded Earplugs: individually crafted to fit the user's ear canal precisely. Made from silicone or hypoallergenic materials.	Ninelife	www.ninelife.co.za
Eye shields	Eye shields are protective devices designed to shield the eyes from hazards such as dust, debris, or splashes. These shields may comprise latex rubber material, offering flexibility and coverage around the eye area.	Polycarbonate Eye Shields: provide impact resistance and clarity without latex content.	RS Pro	www.za.rs-online.com
		Plastic Eye Shields: polyethylene (PET) provide protection without latex components	Protekta	www.protekta.co.za
		Foam-Padded Eye Shields: use non-latex materials to provide comfort and protection.	MedMart	www.medmart.co.za
		Mesh Eye Shields: made from metal or plastic offer protection from larger particles without covering the eyes entirely.	Safety Supplies	www.safetysupplies.shop
		Anti-Fog Coated Eye Shields: offer clear vision and protection for various tasks.	PPE Hygiene	www.ppehygiene.co.za
Gas masks	Gas masks are protective respiratory devices designed to filter out harmful airborne particles, gases and chemicals. These masks may contain latex components, including straps and seals, to create an airtight seal around the wearer's face.	Silicone Gas Masks: offer a secure seal and comfort without latex. Silicone provides flexibility and a reliable fit.	3M	www.3m.co.za
		Rubber Gas Masks: synthetic rubber gas masks can provide a reliable seal and protection for individuals with latex sensitivities.	Delta Health and Safety Equipment	www.deltahealth.co.za
		Hypoallergenic Gas Masks: made with hypoallergenic materials that are unlikely to cause skin reactions.	RS Pro	www.za.rs-online.com
Goggles	Goggles are protective eyewear designed to shield the eyes from potential hazards such as dust, debris, chemicals, or splashes. Some may incorporate latex components in their construction, providing flexibility and comfort around the eyes.	Plastic Goggles: polycarbonate or acrylic provide impact resistance and protection without latex content.	Safety Signs	www.safetysigns.co.za
		Silicone Goggles: provide a soft and comfortable fit without latex, suitable for various applications.	Mr Price Sport	www.mrpsport.com
		Foam-Padded Goggles: foam-padded goggles with non-latex materials offer cushioning and protection against hazards.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Safety Glasses: non-latex frames and clear lenses provide reliable eye protection in various settings.	Total Guard	www.totalguard.co.za

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Goggles cont.		Mesh Goggles: metal or plastic offer protection from larger particles without covering the eyes entirely.	Safety Supplies	www.safetysupplies.shop
		Anti-Fog Coated Goggles: anti-fog coated non-latex goggles offer clear vision and protection in environments prone to condensation.	MedQ Supplies	www.medqsupplies.co.za
Gloves: industrial	Industrial gloves are protective hand coverings made from latex rubber material, designed for use in various industrial settings (e.g. manufacturing, construction, maintenance). These gloves offer flexibility, tactile sensitivity and barrier protection against chemicals, contaminants, or mechanical hazards.	Nitrile Gloves: used as latex-free alternatives offering durability, chemical resistance and puncture protection. Suitable for a range of tasks.	Safety Signs	www.safetysigns.co.za
		Neoprene Gloves: provide chemical resistance and protection against oils, suitable for industrial applications involving contact with chemicals.	Safety Supplies	www.safetysupplies.shop
		Polyethylene Gloves: lightweight and disposable, suitable for tasks like food handling or light industrial activities.	MedQ Supplies	www.medqsupplies.co.za
		Polyurethane Gloves: provide abrasion resistance and tactile sensitivity, suitable for tasks that require dexterity and precision.	Total Guard	www.totalguard.co.za
		Polyvinyl chloride Gloves: PVC gloves offer chemical resistance and protection against oils and fluids, suitable for certain industrial applications.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
Gloves: medical or examination	Medical/examination gloves are protective hand coverings (cuffed and long) made from latex rubber material, specifically designed for use in medical and healthcare settings. Offers flexibility, tactile sensitivity and barrier protection against biological materials, contaminants and fluids. They are available as powder or powder-free low latex gloves and also available as sterile or non-sterile depending on the application.	Nitrile Gloves: provide barrier protection, tactile sensitivity and resistance to chemicals and punctures.	Medi Supplies	www.medisupplies.co.za
		Vinyl Gloves: economical latex-free alternatives for non-invasive medical procedures, offering basic barrier protection.	LabFriend South Africa	www.labfriend.co.za
		Synthetic Polyisoprene Gloves: offer a latex-like feel and elasticity, suitable for medical applications where a latex-like experience is desired.	Central Infusion Alliance	www.ciamedical.com
		Neoprene Gloves: provide chemical resistance and protection against fluids, offering an alternative for individuals with latex allergies.	RS Pro	www.za.rs-online.com
		Polyethylene Gloves: lightweight and disposable, often used for short-term tasks in medical settings.	CliniHealth	www.clinihealth.co.za
Gloves: surgical	Surgical gloves are sterile protective hand coverings made from latex rubber material, designed specifically for use in surgical procedures. Offer exceptional barrier protection, tactile sensitivity, and precision. They are used by surgeons, surgical teams and healthcare professionals to minimise the risk of contamination during surgical procedures.	Synthetic Polyisoprene Surgical Gloves: closely mimic the feel and elasticity of latex, thus a preferred latex-free option for surgical procedures.	Central Infusion Alliance	www.ciamedical.com
		Nitrile Surgical Gloves: provide a high level of barrier protection, tactile sensitivity and resistance to punctures and chemicals.	Omninela Medical	www.omninela.co.za
		Neoprene Surgical Gloves: offer chemical resistance and fluid protection, suitable for surgical applications where latex is not an option.	LabFriend South Africa	www.labfriend.co.za
		Biogel Surgical Gloves: made from synthetic materials and provide a sterile and latex-free option for surgical procedures.	Whole Surgical	www.wholesurgical.co.za

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Masks (note that masks are not considered personal protective items as they protect the environment and not the user)	Masks are general-purpose facial coverings used for various purposes, including reducing the spread of respiratory droplets, protecting against dust and pollution and providing some level of protection against certain infectious agents. Made from fabric, paper and synthetic materials.	Disposal Masks: commonly used for medical and general-purpose protection. Lightweight, breathable, and come in various shapes and sizes.	3M	www.3m.co.za
		Neoprene Masks: moisture-resistant and often used for sports or outdoor activities.	MedMart	www.medmart.co.za
		Surgical Masks: made from non-latex materials like polypropylene or cellulose offer protection for medical procedures.	BizzMed	www.bizzmed.co.za
		Cloth Masks: made from fabric materials provide reusable and washable options for everyday protection against particles.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
Respirators	Respiratory protection devices designed to filter out hazardous substances from the air. They may incorporate latex rubber components in their construction, providing a secure fit and effective filtration. These may be half-face or full-face in design and should be selected based on a risk assessment. There are several brands and sizes and thus should be be fit tested before use.	Half-Face N95/FFP2 latex-free Respirators: used for respiratory protection, offering high filtration efficiency against airborne particles.	Halyard	www.halyardhealth.com
		Half-Face N99/N100/FFP3 latex-free Respirators: N99/N100/FFP3 respirators provide even higher filtration efficiency than N95/FFP2 respirators.	3M	www.3m.co.za
		Full-Face Silicone Respirators: provide comprehensive protection for the face and respiratory system.	3M	www.3m.co.za
		Powered Air-Purifying Respirators: PAPR systems with non-latex components offer powered respiratory protection for various environments.	Delta Health and Safety Equipment	www.deltahealth.co.za
Shoe protectors	Shoe protectors are used in healthcare and food settings among others to prevent contamination and maintain a sterile environment. These items may contain natural rubber latex in their construction for flexibility, comfort and a secure fit.	Polyethylene Shoe Covers: offer a latex-free option for protecting shoes from contamination. They are disposable and water-resistant.	MedQ Supplies	www.medqsupplies.co.za
		Polypropylene Shoe Covers: provide a latex-free alternative for covering shoes while maintaining a sterile environment.	UVH Holdings	www.uvhholdings.org.za
		Silicone Shoe Covers: durable and flexible alternative for maintaining a sterile environment.	Snatcher	www.snatcher.co.za
		Tyvek Shoe Covers: anti-slip latex-free and suitable for preventing contamination.	Pienaar Bros	www.shop.pienaarbros.co.za

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HEALTHCARE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

LATEX PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION	LATEX-FREE ALTERNATIVE	SUPPLIER	CONTACT DETAILS
Ace bandages	ACE bandages are elastic bandages commonly used for providing compression and support to injured or strained areas of the body. It may contain natural rubber latex as one of its components contributing to its elasticity, flexibility and ability to conform to the body's contours.	Elastic Cloth Bandages: are latex-free and offer compression and support for injuries and strains.	Whole Surgical	www.wholesurgical.co.za
		Neoprene Bandages: are latex-free and provide compression, warmth and support for various body parts.	Clicks	www.clicks.co.za
		Cotton Bandages: offer support and comfort while being latex-free and suitable for sensitive skin.	Reflecta Laboratory Supplies	www.labequipsupply.co.za
		Synthetic Elastic Bandages: are latex-free and provide compression and support for injuries and strains.	Fast Shopper	www.fastshopper.co.za
		Self-Adhesive Bandages: adhere to themselves without the need for clips or fasteners.	Ninelife	www.ninelife.co.za
		Spandex Bandages: offer stretch and support for various body parts without the use of latex.	MedQ Supplies	www.medqsupplies.co.za
		Gauze Bandages: provide support and are suitable for wound care.	Ninelife	www.ninelife.co.za
Adhesive tapes	LATEX healthcare ACE adhesive tapes are adhesive tapes commonly used in medical settings for securing bandages, dressings, and other medical devices to the skin. These adhesive tapes often contain natural rubber latex as a component in their adhesive formulation. The latex material enhances the tape's adhesion, flexibility, and conformability to the skin.	Hypoallergenic Adhesive Tapes: designed for sensitive skin and are often latex-free. Provide gentle adhesion without causing irritation.	3M	www.3m.co.za
		Paper Adhesive Tapes: offer breathable and latex-free options for securing dressings and medical devices.	CliniHealth	www.clinihealth.co.za
		Silicone Adhesive Tapes: provide gentle adhesion and are latex-free. They adhere well while minimising skin irritation.	Clicks	www.clicks.co.za
		Foam Adhesive Tapes: offer cushioning and secure adhesion without containing latex.	Ninelife	www.ninelife.co.za
		Non-Woven Adhesive Tapes: are breathable and suitable for sensitive skin. They are often latex-free.	Dis-Chem	www.dischem.co.za
		Hypoallergenic Micropore tape: micropore dressings specifically labeled as hypoallergenic to ensure they are free from latex components.	Dis-Chem	www.dischem.co.za
		Cloth Adhesive Tapes: provide strong adhesion and are often latex-free. They are suitable for various medical applications.	Dis-Chem	www.dischem.co.za
		Self-Adhesive Dressings: offer an all-in-one solution for wound care without the need for additional tapes.	Dis-Chem	www.dischem.co.za

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Ambu Bag (black, reusable)	Reusable Ambu bags or bag-valve-mask (BVM) devices, provide positive pressure ventilation to patients requiring assisted ventilation. Their components may include latex contributing to the flexibility and face seal.	Silicone Ambu Bags: provide a flexible and effective option for manual ventilation. Offering a secure seal and durablity for repeated use.	MedQ Supplies	www.medqsupplies.co.za
		Polyvinyl Chloride Ambu Bags: PVC Ambu bags are often used for manual ventilation. They offer flexibility and effective ventilation.	CleanSafe Labs	www.cleansafe.co.za
Anaesthesia machine reservoir bags	Healthcare anaesthesia machine reservoir bags (rebreathing bags) deliver anaesthesia gases to patients during surgical procedures. These bags may contain latex as a component in their construction.	Polyvinyl Chloride Reservoir Bags: PVC anaesthesia machine reservoir bags are used for delivering anaesthesia gases.	Oxyaider	www.oxyaider.co.za
		Rubber-Free Reservoir Bags: non-latex rubber-like materials offer effective gas exchange without latex components.	CleanSafe Labs	www.cleansafe.co.za
Anaesthesia masks	Anaesthesia masks are used to deliver inhalation anaesthetics to patients during surgical procedures. They may contain latex contributing to the mask's flexibility, comfort and facial seal.	Polyvinyl Chloride Anaesthesia Masks: PVC masks are used for delivering anaesthesia gases. Offering flexibility, comfort and a secure fit.	Medi Supplies	www.medisupplies.co.za
		Silicone Anaesthesia Masks: provides a latex-free option for anaesthesia administration.	Oxyaider	www.oxyaider.co.za
Band-Aids	Band-Aid, commonly known as adhesive plaster, is a small medical dressing for minor wounds, cuts, or abrasions. Some Band-Aids may contain natural rubber latex in their adhesive or components, contributing to the band-aid's adhesion and flexibility.	Hypoallergenic Adhesive Band-Aid: are designed for sensitive skin and provide gentle adhesion and are less likely to cause irritation.	Clicks	www.clicks.co.za
		Fabric Adhesive Band-Aid: offer a comfortable and latex-free option for wound protection. They are flexible and conform to body contours.	Dis-Chem	www.dischem.co.za
		Silicone Adhesive Band-Aid: provide gentle adhesion and are suitable for sensitive skin and are easy to remove.	Clicks	www.clicks.co.za
		Plastic Adhesive Band-Aid: offer latex-free wound protection with a smooth surface. They are often transparent and discreet.	Dis-Chem	www.dischem.co.za
		Foam Adhesive Band-Aid: provide cushioning and wound protection without containing latex.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Hydrocolloid Adhesive Band-Aid: provide a moist environment for wound healing. They are often used for blisters and minor wounds.	Dis-Chem	www.dischem.co.za
		Waterproof Adhesive Band-Aid: are latex-free and offer protection even in wet conditions.	Clicks	www.clicks.co.za
		Clear Plastic Adhesive Band-Aid: provide wound protection while being discreet and latex-free.	Clicks	www.clicks.co.za
Blood-pressure monitoring cuffs, tubing and bladder	Blood-pressure monitoring (sphygmomanometer) is used to measure a patient's blood pressure and may contain latex, including the bladder and tubing. Use over clothing or stockinet however if this may still pose a risk consider the following alternatives.	Nylon Blood-Pressure monitor: provide durability and flexibility for accurate blood pressure measurements.	AfriMedics	www.afrimedics.co.za
		Latex-free Blood-Pressure monitor: made from latex-free material although not specified.	Ninelife	www.ninelife.co.za

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Catheters, indwelling	Indwelling catheters (Foley catheters) are used to drain urine from the bladder, typically inserted through the urethra. They may contain latex such as the balloon to hold the catheter in place within the bladder.	Silicone Indwelling Catheters: are latex-free and offer flexibility and comfort.	Medi Supplies	www.medisupplies.co.za
		Latex-Free Balloon Indwelling Catheters: to ensure that both the catheter and the balloon are free from latex components.	Cape Town Medical	www.capetownmedical.co.za
Catheters, straight	Straight catheters (intermittent catheters) are used to drain urine from the bladder and may contain latex, such as the catheter material itself, for flexibility and ease of insertion.	Silicone Straight Catheters: are latex-free and offer flexibility and comfort during insertion and removal.	Cape Town Medical	www.capetownmedical.co.za
		PVC Straight Catheters: a latex-free alternative.	Whole Surgical	www.wholesurgical.co.za
Cervical spine collars	Cervical spine collars are used to immobilise and stabilise the cervical spine (neck) after traumatic injuries or during transportation. They may contain latex as a component in their padding or straps.	Foam Cervical Spine Collars: offer cushioning and support without latex components.	CleanSafe Labs	www.cleansafe.co.za
		Fabric Cervical Spine Collars: Sare designed to be latex-free and offer comfortable support.	AfriMedics	www.afrimedics.co.za
		Hypoallergenic Cervical Spine Collars: advanced collar with scientific design for latex allergic individuals.	CliniHealth	www.clinihealth.co.za
Electrode grounding pads	Electrode grounding pads are used in various healthcare procedures, including electrocardiograms (ECGs), electroencephalograms (EEGs), and other monitoring tests. They are placed on the patient's body to establish a secure connection between the patient and the monitoring equipment. May contain latex as a component in their adhesive or backing material.	Silicone Electrode Grounding Pads: are latex-free and offer flexibility and adhesion for medical procedures.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Gel Electrode Grounding Pads: are latex-free and provide secure adhesion and electrical connectivity.	HenRac Tech	www.henractech.co.za
		Non-Woven Electrode Grounding Pads: are latex-free and provide reliable adhesion and conductivity.	Snatcher	www.snatcher.co.za
Fitted hospital bed sheets	Fitted hospital bed sheets are specially designed bed linens to cover and secure mattresses on hospital/clinic beds. They may contain latex in the elastic bands contributing to the elasticity, durability and tautness of the fitted sheets.	Elastic-Free Fitted Bed Sheets: use fitted bed sheets with alternative securing mechanisms that do not involve latex elastic bands.	MHC World	www.mhcworld.co.za
		Tightening Straps Fitted Bed Sheets: sheets with adjustable straps provide a latex-free way to secure the sheet around the mattress.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Disposable Fitted Bed Sheets: consider disposable fitted bed sheets made from latex-free materials for single-use scenarios.	Linen Savers	www.linensavers.co.za
IV tubing, injection ports	IV tubing with injection ports is used for intravenous (IV) therapy to administer fluids, medications, and nutrients directly into a patient's bloodstream. Some IV tubing sets may contain latex contributing to the flexibility, durability, and sealing properties of the components.	Latex-free Tubing: latex-free IV tubing sets and injection ports offer flexibility and durability.	CliniHealth	www.clinihealth.co.za

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Medication vials	Medication vials are small containers used to store and dispense medications, vaccines, and other medical solutions. They may contain latex as a component in their stoppers, seals, or other parts that help maintain the integrity and sterility of the contents.	Plastic Medication Vials: plastic vials offer a latex-free solution for medication storage and dispensing.	LabFriend South Africa	www.labfriend.co.za
		Glass Medication Vials: glass vials can provide latex-free options for containing medications and solutions.	Chemi Store	www.chemistore.co.za
		Polyethylene Medication Vials: polyethylene-based vials provide latex-free alternatives for medication storage.	Bottles & Jars	www.bottlesandjars.co.za
Mesh	Mesh refers to medical devices made from woven or knitted materials that are used to provide support or reinforcement in various surgical procedures, particularly those involving hernia repair and tissue reconstruction. Some products may contain latex, contributing to the flexibility, adhesion and overall durability of the mesh.	Polypropylene Mesh: is a commonly used synthetic mesh material that offers tissue support without latex components.	Ethan Medical	www.ethanmedical.co.za
		Polyester Mesh: provides strength and support without containing latex materials.	Surgical Systems	www.surgicalsystems.co.za
Nasogastric tubes	Nasogastric tubes are used for the insertion through the nasal passage into the stomach for various purposes, such as feeding, medication administration, or gastric decompression.	PVC nasogastric tubes: are latex-free and offer smoothness and flexibility during insertion.	Cape Town Medical	www.capetownmedical.co.za
Oxygen masks/cannulas	Oxygen masks and cannulas deliver supplemental oxygen to patients who require additional oxygen support due to respiratory conditions or medical procedures.	Latex-free Oxygen masks/cannulas: provide flexibility and comfort during oxygen therapy.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
Physical Therapy Items (Exercise bands and balls; crutch pads (axillary and arm grips); cold/hot packs).	Physical therapy items encompass a range of accessories used in physical therapy and rehabilitation to aid patients in improving mobility, strength, and overall well-being. These items may latex , such as bands, grips, or other parts contributing to the durability, flexibility and overall functionality of these items.	Silicone Exercise Bands: latex-free and offer durability and flexibility for exercise routines.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Polyurethane Exercise Balls: provide a latex-free alternative with durability for physical therapy exercises.	Orthopedic Selfcare Products	www.orthopedicselfcareproducts.com
		Foam Crutch Pads: Foam-based crutch pads offer comfortable support without containing latex materials.	BizzMed	www.bizzmed.co.za
		Reusable Cold/Hot Packs: consider reusable cold/hot packs made from latex-free materials for versatile temperature therapy.	Dis-Chem	www.dischem.co.za
Suction tubing	Suction tubing is used to remove fluids, secretions, or debris from a patient's airways or other body cavities through the use of negative pressure. Used in hospitals, clinics, dentistry and surgical suites. Some tubing may contain latex such as connectors, tips, or other parts contributing to the flexibility, durability and overall functionality of the tubing.	Polyvinyl Chloride Tubing: PVC-based tubing offers a latex-free solution for suction tubing with reliable fluid removal capabilities.	AfriMedics	www.afrimedics.co.za
		Silicone Tubing: provides another latex-free option for effective suction and fluid removal.	Whole Surgical	www.wholesurgical.co.za
		Rubber-Free Suction Tubing (metal): to ensure they are free from latex components.	Ninelife	www.ninelife.co.za

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Syringes	Syringes are used to administer accurate measurement and safe delivery of medications, fluids, or other substances to patients through various routes, such as injections or oral irrigation. Some may contain latex as a component, such as plunger tips, gaskets, or other parts contributing to the flexibility, sealing properties.	Polypropylene Syringes: offer a latex-free solution for precise medication administration with durable construction.	LabFriend South Africa	www.labfriend.co.za
		Polyethylene Syringes: are latex-free and offer reliable medication delivery with flexibility.	Advanced Medical technology	www.advancedmedicaltechnology.co.za
		Glass Syringes: provide a latex-free option for medication administration and are suitable for specific medical applications.	LabFriend South Africa	www.labfriend.co.za
Tourniquet	Tourniquets are used to temporarily restrict blood flow to a specific area of the body, typically a limb, during medical procedures, blood draws, or surgeries. Some tourniquets may contain latex. Cover with cloth however if the risk persists then consider the following alternatives.	Velcro Tourniquets: offer a latex-free solution for blood flow restriction, providing durability and ease of use.	CliniHealth	www.clinihealth.co.za
		Hypoallergenic Tourniquets: to ensure they are free from latex components.	MyoMed	www.myomed.co.za
Vascular compression stockings	Vascular compression stockings, are garments designed to provide graduated pressure to the legs and feet for improved blood circulation, reduce swelling, and prevent the formation of blood clots, especially in individuals at risk of venous insufficiency or deep vein thrombosis (DVT). Some may contain latex, contributing to the elasticity, fit and overall effectiveness of the stockings.	Spandex Compression Stockings: are latex-free and provide stretchability and graduated pressure for therapeutic benefits.	CliniHealth	www.clinihealth.co.za
		Polyester Compression Stockings: provide another latex-free option with durability and effective compression properties.	Dis-Chem	www.dischem.co.za
		Cotton Compression Stockings: offer comfort and breathability for individuals seeking a latex-free compression solution.	EBay	www.ebay.com
Wheelchair cushions & wheels	Wheelchair cushions and wheels are components of wheelchairs used to provide comfort and mobility for individuals with mobility challenges. Some may contain natural rubber latex as a component in their construction, contributing to their cushioning, grip, and overall functionality.	Memory Foam Cushions: offer latex-free cushioning and conform to the shape of the individual, providing pressure relief and comfort.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Gel Cushions: provide latex-free support and cushioning, distributing pressure and promoting comfort for extended periods.	Wheelchairs on the Run	www.wheelchairsontherun.co.za
		Foam-Filled Cushions: are latex-free and offer varying levels of support and comfort for wheelchair users.	Sheer Mobility	www.sheermobility.co.za
		Non-Latex Rubber Wheels: to ensure they are free from latex components, providing mobility without the risk of allergy.	Wheelchairs on the Run	www.wheelchairsontherun.co.za
		Plastic or Polyurethane Wheels: offer a latex-free alternative for smooth and reliable movement.	Wheelchairs on the Run	www.wheelchairsontherun.co.za

STATIONERY OR SCHOOL PRODUCTS

LATEX PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION	LATEX-FREE ALTERNATIVE	SUPPLIER	CONTACT DETAILS
Adhesives	Adhesives are adhesive products commonly used in offices, schools, and homes for various paper-related tasks. These may contain latex in their formulation contributing to the adhesive's tackiness and bonding properties, making it effective for sticking paper and other materials together.	Water-Based Adhesives: are latex-free and suitable for various paper applications. They are safe, easy to use, and dry clear.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Acrylic Adhesives: are non-latex alternatives that offer strong bonding and durability for paper and cardboard.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Polyvinyl Acetate Adhesives: PVA adhesives are versatile and commonly used in crafts and paper projects. They dry clear and provide a strong bond.	The Crafters Boutique	www.thecraftersboutique.co.za
		Gel Adhesives: provide controlled application, and many latex-free options are available for stationery and crafting.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Glue Sticks: many glue sticks are formulated to be latex-free, offering mess-free application and effective bonding for paper.	Game	www.game.co.za
		Double-Sided Tape: is a convenient and reliable option for attaching paper without the use of liquid adhesives.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Adhesive Rollers: some adhesive rollers are latex-free and provide easy and precise application for sticking paper.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Self-Adhesive Labels: are latex-free and provide an easy way to attach items to paper without the need for separate adhesive.	Shoprite	www.shoprite.co.za
Calculator Buttons	LATEX stationery calculator buttons are the keys or buttons on calculators that are made using natural rubber latex as one of the components. These buttons provide tactile feedback and responsiveness when pressed, contributing to the functionality and usability of the calculator. The latex material can enhance the durability and flexibility of the buttons.	Silicone Calculator Buttons: hypoallergenic and provide a tactile response, making them suitable alternatives for calculator keypads.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Rubber-Coated Calculator Buttons: rubberised coatings offer a tactile feel and flexibility without containing latex.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Plastic Calculator Buttons: durable plastic materials offer tactile feedback and responsiveness.	Edunation	www.edunation.co.za
		Soft Plastic Calculator Buttons: offer a comfortable feel and responsiveness for calculator keypads.	Waltons	www.waltons.co.za
Drawing Pencils	Drawing pencils are art supplies used for sketching, shading, and creating various drawings. These pencils may have components comprising latex in the eraser or grip areas.	Wooden Drawing Pencils: offer graphite cores and erasers without latex components. They come in various hardness grades.	Waltons	www.waltons.co.za
		Plastic Barrel Drawing Pencils: provide a comfortable grip and erasing capabilities.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Metal Barrel Drawing Pencils: offer durability and a sleek design without latex content.	Game	www.game.co.za
		Mechanical Drawing Pencils: allow for precise drawing without the need for sharpening. They are available in latex-free options.	Makro	www.makro.co.za

Drawing Pencils cont.		Graphite Sticks: solid pieces of graphite that can be used for drawing and shading. They are latex-free and versatile.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Charcoal Pencils: provide a unique drawing experience and are often available in latex-free options.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Coloured Pencils: come in a variety of colours and do not contain latex. They are suitable for both artistic and functional applications.	Shoprite	www.shoprite.co.za
		Watercolour Pencils: to create watercolour effects by adding water to the pencil marks. They are available in latex-free options.	Shoprite	www.shoprite.co.za
		Pastel Pencils: offer the softness and blend-ability of pastels in a pencil format, often without latex content.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
Erasers	Erasers are tools used for removing pencil marks from paper. These erasers often include components made from latex, contributing to the eraser's effectiveness and ease of use. The latex material can offer flexibility and friction for efficient erasing.	PVC Erasers: are latex-free and provide precise and clean erasing for pencil marks.	MSC Office Supplies	www.mcsofficesupplies.co.za
		Plastic Erasers: offer latex-free alternatives for erasing pencil marks with minimal residue.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Polymer Erasers: provide soft and effective erasing without containing latex.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Kneaded Erasers: mouldable and suitable for precise erasing. They are latex-free and reusable.	Artland	www.artland.co.za
		Felt Erasers: are often used on chalkboards but can also effectively erase pencil marks without latex content.	Crafty Arts	www.craftyarts.co.za
		Block Erasers: made from non-latex materials offer large surface areas for erasing pencil marks.	Doodles Café	www.doodles-cafe.co.za
		Electric Erasers: provide precise and efficient erasing and are available in latex-free models.	Crafty Arts	www.craftyarts.co.za
Modelling Clay	Modelling clay is a malleable artistic medium used for sculpting and creating three-dimensional artworks. It may contain latex as one of its components, contributing to the clay's elasticity, texture and workability.	Polymer Clay: a versatile and latex-free material that can be baked to harden. Several colours and can be used for detailed sculpting.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Air-Dry Clay: latex-free option that hardens as it dries, eliminating the need for baking or firing. It's suitable for a variety of sculpting projects.	Brush and Canvas	www.brushandcanvas.co.za
		Epoxy Clay: consists of two components that are mixed together to create a durable and hard final product suitable for sculpting.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Play-Doh: latex-free option for younger artists. It's soft and malleable, making it easy for children to create their own sculptures.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
Mouse Pads	Mouse pads are used with computer mice to provide a smooth and comfortable surface for mouse movement. These mouse pads may include latex, which can enhance the grip and stability.	Fabric Mouse Pads: offer a soft and comfortable surface without latex content. They often feature textured or smooth surfaces.	GeeWiz	www.geewiz.co.za
		Foam Mouse Pads: provide cushioning and comfort for mouse movement. They are latex-free and come in various thicknesses.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Gel-Filled Mouse Pads: offer comfort and wrist support while being latex-free. The gel conforms to the wrist for ergonomic benefits.	Makro	www.makro.co.za

Mouse Pads cont.		Silicone Mouse Pads: provide a durable and non-latex option for mouse movement. They offer a smooth surface and stability on the desk.	HiFi Corp	www.hificorp.co.za
		Cork Mouse Pads: offer a natural and eco-friendly option for mouse movement. They provide a smooth and textured surface.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Leather Mouse Pads: offer a luxurious surface for mouse movement and are often latex-free.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Vinyl Mouse Pads: provide a smooth and durable surface for mouse tracking without containing latex.	Ten Stickers	www.tenstickers.co.za
Paint	Paints are artistic materials used for painting and creating visual artworks on paper, canvas, or other surfaces. These paints may contain latex as one of their components. The latex material can contribute to the paint's texture and adhesion.	Watercolour Paints: latex-free and offer transparent, blend-able colours that can be applied with water for various painting techniques.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Acrylic Paints: latex-free and versatile, offering opaque colours that can be used on a variety of surfaces, including canvas and paper.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Oil Paints: available without latex components and provide rich, textured colours suitable for traditional painting techniques.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Gouache Paints: latex-free and provide opaque, matte colours that are ideal for illustrative and design work.	Brush and Canvas	www.brushandcanvas.co.za
		Tempera Paints: are water-based and latex-free, often used in schools for painting projects.	Crafty Arts	www.craftyarts.co.za
		Poster Paints: water-based, latex-free paints that are often used for posters and projects.	Shoprite	www.shoprite.co.za
		Chalk Pastels: offer vibrant colours and are suitable for various artistic techniques without containing latex.	Waltons	www.waltons.co.za
		Ink Paints: are available without latex components and can be used for calligraphy, illustration, and painting.	Brush and Canvas	www.brushandcanvas.co.za
		Fabric Paints: are latex-free and designed for painting on fabric surfaces, offering durability and vibrant colours.	Crafty Arts	www.craftyarts.co.za
Pen/Pencil Grips	Pen/pencil grips are ergonomic accessories designed to improve the grip and comfort while writing or drawing with pens and pencils. These grips often include components made from latex, which can enhance the grip and provide cushioning for the fingers.	Silicone Pen/Pencil Grips: offer flexibility, cushioning, and a latex-free option for enhancing pen and pencil grip.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Foam Pen/Pencil Grips: provide soft cushioning and ergonomic support for comfortable writing without latex content.	Statesmen Stationery	www.statesman.co.za
		Plastic Pen/Pencil Grips: plastic materials offer a non-latex option for enhancing pen and pencil grip.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Rubber-Free Ergonomic Grips: designed with latex-free materials provide comfort and support for improved writing posture.	Play & Learning	www.playingandlearning.co.za
		Soft Rubberised Grips: rubberised coatings provide a comfortable writing experience without latex content.	Edunation	www.edunation.co.za
Rubber Bands	Rubber bands are stretchable and flexible bands made from latex. Commonly used for	Silicone Rubber Bands: offer stretchability and durability without containing latex. They come in various sizes and colours.	Takealot	www.takealot.com

Rubber Bands cont.	various purposes in offices, homes, and schools, such as bundling papers, organising items, and securing objects together. The latex material gives the rubber bands their elasticity and strength.	Elastic Bands: made from non-latex materials provide stretch and flexibility for bundling and securing items.	Ninelife	www.ninelife.co.za
		Nylon Rubber Bands: are durable and offer a latex-free option for various tasks.	Clicks	www.clicks.co.za
		Fabric Bands: provide stretch and flexibility while being latex-free.	Clicks	www.clicks.co.za
		Plastic Bands: provide a latex-free alternative for securing items and organizing.	Wristband Shop	www.wristbandshop.co.za

SPORTS EQUIPMENT

LATEX PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION	LATEX-FREE ALTERNATIVE	SUPPLIER	CONTACT DETAILS
Balls (e.g. basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, baseballs, tennis balls, bowling ball)	Balls are used in various sports and may comprise latex due to its inherent elasticity providing a responsive bounce and grip. There are a few alternative products however it is important to check whether it meets the sports standards in terms of quality and performance and are certified.	Synthetic Rubber Balls: synthetic rubber or thermoplastic elastomers, replicate the bounce and texture of latex.	Sportsman's Warehouse	www.sportsmanswarehouse.co.za
		Polyurethane Balls: are often used in sports like basketball and volleyball. They are durable, have good bounce characteristics.	Net World Sports	www.networldsports.co.za
		Foam Balls: made from materials like polyurethane foam, offer a softer and safer option for various sports and recreational activities.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Polyvinyl chloride balls: PVC balls are commonly used in soccer and basketball. They offer good durability and bounce.	Mr Price Sport	www.mrpsport.com
		Nylon-Wound Balls: the nylon outer layer provides durability and bounce. They are commonly used in basketball and other similar sports.	Game	www.game.co.za
Helmets	Helmets are protective headgear designed for bikers, cyclists, hockey players and skiers, etc. It features a shell made partially or entirely from latex for flexibility and impact absorption. While there are alternatives, it is important to check that they meet sports and safety standards.	Polycarbonate Helmets: are lightweight, durable, and resistant to impacts. They offer excellent protection for both cyclists and skiers.	All the Gear	www.allthegear.co.za
		ABS Plastic Helmets: constructed from Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS) plastic for a balance between impact resistance and affordability.	Sportsman's Warehouse	www.sportsmanswarehouse.co.za
		Fiberglass Composite Helmets: comprise layers of fiberglass and resin for a strong and lightweight protective shell for high-impact activities.	Bike Kings	www.bikekings.co.za
		Carbon Fiber Helmets: exceptional strength-to-weight ratio, ideal for sports where reducing weight is essential without compromising safety.	Planet Hockey	www.planethockey.co.za
		Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) Foam Helmets: EPS foam liner offer excellent impact absorption, common in cycling and skiing helmets.	Cycle Lab	www.cyclelab.com
		Multi-Directional Impact Protection System Helmets: incorporate a sliding layer to reduce rotational forces during certain impacts.	Sportsman's Warehouse	www.sportsmanswarehouse.co.za
		In-Mold Helmets: feature a lightweight outer shell fused with an EPS foam liner. They are known for their sleek design and ventilation.	Champ Sports	www.champ-sports.co.za

Helmets cont.		Soft Shell Helmets: feature a flexible and impact-absorbing outer layer, often made from foam or fabric, a unique approach to head protection.	Sportsman's Warehouse	www.sportsmanswarehouse.co.za
Goggles	Sports goggles are protective eyewear for athletes and sports enthusiasts. There frames, straps, or components may contain latex to enhance comfort and flexibility, ensuring a secure fit during intense physical activities.	Polycarbonate Goggles: polycarbonate frames and lenses offer excellent impact resistance and protection for a wide range of sports.	Mr Price Sport	www.mrpsport.com
		Silicone Goggles: offer a soft and comfortable fit, making it a good option for those with allergies.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Polyvinyl Chloride Goggles: PVC goggles are versatile, affordable, and available in various styles for different sports.	Sportsman's Warehouse	www.sportsmanswarehouse.co.za
Handles (e.g. ping pong paddles, golf clubs, baseball bats, rackets, ski poles, bicycles)	LATEX handles are grips or handles found on various sports equipment and tools, such as ping pong paddles, golf clubs, baseball bats, rackets, ski poles, and bicycles. These handles are made from natural rubber latex and are designed to provide a comfortable and secure grip during use. The inherent elasticity of latex allows the handles to conform to the user's hand and offer tactile feedback, enhancing control and manoeuvrability. Try covering with tape or cloth however if allergic reaction persists explore alternative products.	Synthetic Rubber Handles: synthetic rubber materials can mimic the feel and grip of latex while remaining latex-free and allergy-friendly.	Jaguar Fitness	www.jaguarfitness.co.za
		Cork Handles: commonly used on fishing rods, hiking poles, and some sports equipment. They offer a natural feel, moisture resistance, and grip.	Pedal Gear	www.padelgear.co.za
		Foam Grips: provide cushioning, comfort, and a secure grip. They are often used on bicycles, fitness equipment, and some sports tools.	Cycle Lab	www.cyclelab.com
		Silicone Grips: soft, non-slip, and hypoallergenic, making them a safe alternative for those with latex allergies.	Xtreme Xccessories	www.xtremexccessories.co.za
		Anti-slip Rubber Grips: made from synthetic rubber or thermoplastic materials, provide grip and comfort without the use of latex.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Gel Grips: offer cushioning and support, making them comfortable for activities where prolonged gripping is required.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Wooden Handles: are traditional and offer a natural, tactile grip. They are often used on tools and some sports equipment.	Sportsman's Warehouse	www.sportsmanswarehouse.co.za
Mouth guards	Mouth guards are protective oral devices worn by athletes during sports activities to help prevent dental injuries and are made with latex material, which provides flexibility and cushioning to absorb impacts and minimise the risk of chipped teeth, jaw fractures, and other dental injuries.	Silicone Mouth Guards: are hypoallergenic and provide a comfortable, flexible fit. Custom-moulded for improved comfort and protection.	Ebay	www.ebay.com
		Flavoured Mouth Guards: available in various flavours to enhance user comfort and encourage regular use.	Mr Price Sport	www.mrpsport.com
		Dual-Layer Mouth Guards: combine two layers of different materials to provide both impact protection and a comfortable fit.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Gel-Filled Mouth Guards: offer cushioning and comfort, conforming to the shape of the teeth and providing protection against impacts.	Dis-Chem	www.dischem.co.za
		Custom-Moulded Mouth Guards: provide the best fit and protection to the user's teeth using materials that are safe for latex-sensitive individuals.	Sportsman's Warehouse	www.sportsmanswarehouse.co.za

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Nose clips	Sports nose clips are small devices worn on the nose during various water-based sports and activities, such as swimming. They are made from latex and are used to prevent water from entering the nasal passages, allowing the swimmer to focus on their performance.	Silicone Nose Clips: hypoallergenic, comfortable, and flexible, providing an effective water-tight seal and are a popular choice for swimmers.	Sportsman's Warehouse	www.sportsmanswarehouse.co.za
		Plastic Nose Clips: durable plastic materials provide a simple and affordable solution for preventing water from entering the nose.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Soft Plastic Nose Clips: Sare comfortable and water-resistant, providing an effective seal against water intrusion.	Swim Master	www.swimmaster.co.za
		Adjustable Nose Clips: adjustable features to ensure a customised fit and effective water sealing.	Decathlon South Africa	www.decathlon.co.za
Sportsground markers (e.g. cones, baseball bases)	Sportsground markers are used to mark boundaries, paths, and areas on sports fields and courts. These include cones, markers, and bases made from latex. The flexibility and durability of latex make it suitable for creating visible and sturdy markers.	Plastic Cones: made from plastic materials are lightweight, durable, and available in various colours for clear marking.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Vinyl Markers: offer water resistance, durability, and flexibility. They are suitable for various sports and outdoor activities.	Net World Sports	www.networldsports.co.za
		Rubber Markers: synthetic rubber or thermoplastic elastomers provide a non-latex option with durability and visibility.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Polyethylene Bases: made from polyethylene provide a lightweight and durable option for marking bases without latex content.	Net World Sports	www.networldsports.co.za
		Plastic Discs: markers made from plastic materials can be used for a variety of sports and activities.	Sportsman's Warehouse	www.sportsmanswarehouse.co.za
		Chalk or Paint Markings: temporary markings made using chalk or non-latex marking paint provide flexibility and versatility for various sports.	Sportsman's Warehouse	www.sportsmanswarehouse.co.za
Rubber studded flooring	Sports rubber studded flooring refers to athletic surfaces made from rubber that feature raised studs or patterns on the surface. Commonly used in sports facilities, gyms and indoor training areas to provide traction, shock absorption and durability. The latex component may be present in the adhesive or binding agents used during installation.	Synthetic Rubber Studded Flooring: synthetic rubber materials can replicate the studded texture while remaining latex-free.	Builders	www.builders.co.za
		Vinyl Studded Flooring: studded patterns provides a comfortable and non-latex option for sports facilities.	Laminate Floor World	www.laminatefloors.co.za
		Foam Studded Mats: studded patterns offer cushioning and traction for gym and exercise areas.	Promo Sports	www.promosport.co.za
		Ethylene-Vinyl Acetate Studded Flooring: EVA-based flooring with studded patterns is lightweight, cushioning and latex-free.	Outdoor Warehouse	www.outdoorwarehouse.co.za
		PVC Studded Flooring: studded patterns offers durability, water resistance and a non-latex option for sports environments.	PVC Floor Tile	www.pvcfloortileonline.co.za
		Rubber Granulate Flooring: made from recycled rubber granules can provide a studded texture for traction and comfort without containing latex.	Net World Sports	www.networldsports.co.za

Swim cap	Swim cap is a head covering made from latex and designed for swimmers. These caps reduce drag, protect hair from chlorinated water, and provide a streamlined fit. The latex material conforms to the shape of the head, providing a snug and comfortable fit.	Silicone Swim Cap: are hypoallergenic, durable, and comfortable. They provide a smooth surface and a snug fit for reduced drag.	Mr Price Sport	www.mrpsport.com
		Lycra Swim Cap: made from stretchy fabric and while they offer less hydrodynamic advantages, they are comfortable and latex-free.	Sportsman's Warehouse	www.sportsmanswarehouse.co.za
		Spandex Swim Cap: are similar to Lycra caps and provide a comfortable fit without the use of latex.	Swimming	www.swimming.co.za
		Thermoplastic Elastomer Swim Cap: TPE swim caps offer elasticity, comfort, and a snug fit for swimmers with latex allergies.	Apex Multisport	www.apexmultisport.co.za
		Mesh Swim Cap: are breathable and lightweight, suitable for recreational swimming.	Decathlon South Africa	www.decathlon.co.za
Scuba/snorkel masks	Sports scuba/snorkel masks are underwater face masks designed for scuba diving and snorkelling activities. These masks often feature straps, seals or components made from latex, providing a comfortable fit and effective sealing against water intrusion.	Silicone Scuba/Snorkel Masks: hypoallergenic, durable, and flexible. They offer a comfortable fit and an effective water-tight seal.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Fiberglass Masks: fiberglass frames offer durability and strength without the use of latex.	Sportsman's Warehouse	www.sportsmanswarehouse.co.za
		PVC Masks: PVC materials are water-resistant and provide a clear view underwater.	Scuba	www.scuba.co.za
		Acrylic Masks: acrylic lenses offer optical clarity and a lightweight design.	Scuba	www.scuba.co.za
Wet suits	Sports wetsuits are worn by swimmers, surfers, divers, and other water sports enthusiasts to provide thermal insulation and protection in cold water. These wetsuits often include components made from latex, which can enhance flexibility, insulation, and buoyancy.	Neoprene Wetsuits: a common material used in wetsuits. It provides excellent insulation, flexibility, and buoyancy while being latex-free.	Wetsuit Warehouse	www.wetsuitwarehouse.co.za
		Nylon Wetsuits: made from nylon materials provide durability, flexibility, and insulation without containing latex.	Wetsuit Warehouse	www.wetsuitwarehouse.co.za
		Polypropylene Wetsuits: offer excellent thermal insulation and are often used as a lining material for wetsuits.	Scuba	www.scuba.co.za
		Tri-Layer Wetsuits: tri-layer construction with materials like neoprene, nylon and a thermal lining providing optimal insulation and comfort.	Sportsman's Warehouse	www.sportsmanswarehouse.co.za

AVAILABLE IN SOUTH AFRICA OR ONLINE

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HOUSEHOLD AND RECREATIONAL PRODUCTS

LATEX PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION	LATEX-FREE ALTERNATIVE	SUPPLIER	CONTACT DETAILS
Airbeds	Airbeds are inflatable mattresses designed for sleeping or temporary bedding and are constructed using latex material for elasticity, comfort and support. The latex may be incorporated in the air chamber or as a top layer for cushioning.	Polyvinyl chloride Airbeds: PVC airbeds are made from a synthetic material that is durable and waterproof, suitable for airbed construction.	Ebay	www.ebay.com
		Memory Foam Airbeds: combine the comfort of memory foam with the convenience of an inflatable mattress, offering a plush sleeping surface.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Coil or Innerspring Airbeds: feature coil or innerspring constructions, similar to traditional mattresses, providing a classic mattress feel.	Mattress Warehouse	www.themattresswarehouse.co.za
		Flocked Airbeds: have a soft, velvety surface that enhances comfort and prevents slipping. Often use materials like PVC.	Game	www.game.co.za
Baby bottles and feeding nipples	Baby bottles and feeding nipples used for infant feeding are typically made from plastic or glass, and the nipples are often crafted from latex, offering flexibility and mimic the texture of a mother's breast.	Silicone Nipples: a popular latex-free alternative. Soft, durable and free from latex allergens, making them suitable for babies with sensitivities.	Babies R Us	www.babiesrus.co.za
		Orthodontic Nipples: often made from latex-free materials and are designed to support healthy oral development in infants.	Clicks	www.clicks.co.za
		Glass Baby Bottles with Silicone Nipples: are an eco-friendly and latex-free option that provides durability and hygiene.	Clicks	www.clicks.co.za
Balloons	Balloons are inflatable decorations made from latex. These balloons are stretchy and flexible, allowing them to be inflated with air or helium. They come in various sizes, shapes, and colours.	Mylar or Foil Balloons: are made from metallic polyester materials and are latex-free. Retain helium for longer, various designs available.	Balloon Supply	www.balloonsupply.co.za
		Bubble Balloons: are made from transparent plastic and come in various designs. They are latex-free and can be filled with air or helium.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Paper Balloons: are a creative and environmentally friendly option. Used for crafting or decorations. Not inflatable.	Party Palace	www.party-palace.co.za
Garden hose	Garden hose is designed for outdoor use and is typically made from latex, which offers flexibility and durability. Chosen for their ability to expand and contract with water pressure changes.	Polyvinyl chloride Garden Hose: is a common alternative to latex hoses. PVC is a durable, lightweight material and suitable for outdoor use.	Ebay	www.ebay.com
		Rubber Garden Hose: made from synthetic rubber materials that are latex-free. Provide flexibility and suitable for outdoor watering tasks.	Adendorff Machinery Mart	www.adendorff.co.za
		Polyvinyl chloride Garden Hose: PVC hose is made from a synthetic material that is durable and suitable for outdoor use.	Builders	www.builders.co.za
		Polyurethane Garden Hose: are lightweight, kink-resistant, and latex-free. They are known for their durability and resistance to UV rays.	Ebay	www.ebay.com
		Nylon-Reinforced Garden Hose: are usually made from materials like rubber or vinyl and offer increased durability while remaining latex-free.	Chamberlains	www.chamberlains.co.za
		Stainless Steel Garden Hose: are kink-free and corrosion-resistant. An alternative choice for durability and latex-free use.	Ebay	www.ebay.com

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Garden gloves	Garden gloves are protective gloves designed for use while gardening. They are typically made from latex, offering flexibility, water resistance and grip. Provide a barrier between the hands and potential garden irritants (e.g. dirt, thorns and chemicals).	Nitrile Garden Gloves: offer excellent flexibility, durability and protection against chemicals and dirt.	Game	www.game.co.za
		Polyurethane-Coated Garden Gloves: polyurethane coating on the palms offer a latex-free grip and protection against abrasions and moisture.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Cotton, Fabric or Canvas Garden Gloves: provide comfort and breathability while not as waterproof they are suitable for lighter gardening tasks.	Grovinda Horticultural Products	www.grovidasa.co.za
Gloves: domestic cleaning	Domestic or household cleaning gloves typically made from latex, offer protection for hands while performing various cleaning tasks around the house. They are waterproof, durable and provide a barrier against dirt and potentially harmful substances.	Nitrile Cleaning Gloves: a popular alternative for domestic cleaning, offering flexibility, durability and protection against harmful agents	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Vinyl Cleaning Gloves: suitable for lighter cleaning tasks providing a barrier without the risk of latex allergies.	Online industrial (Pty) Ltd Bartlett	www.onlineindustrial.co.za
		Silicone Cleaning Gloves: latex-free and offer good protection against wet conditions and certain chemicals, thus suitable for intensive cleaning.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Rubber Cleaning Gloves (Non-Latex): made from latex-free materials and provide the grip and durability needed for household cleaning.	Game	www.game.co.za
Mattresses	Mattresses feature a core or layer made from latex, offering a comfortable and supportive sleep surface with natural elasticity, providing contouring to the body.	Innerspring Mattresses: feature coils or springs at the core and are typically latex-free. Can be combined with different comfort layers.	5 Star Furniture	www.5starfurniture.co.za
		Memory Foam Mattresses: made from viscoelastic foam and do not contain latex, offering contouring support and can relieve pressure points.	The Bed Shop	www.thebedshop.co.za
		PVC Mattresses: comprises synthetic materials without latex.	Ascot Beds and Furniture	www.ascot.co.za
		Bamboo Mattresses: mattresses made from organic like bamboo are latex-free and can offer comfort and breathability.	The Mattress Warehouse	www.themattresswarehouse.co.za
Pillows	Pillows are made with a core or filling of latex. They offer support and comfort with a responsive feel, conforming to the shape of the head and neck.	Memory Foam Pillows: are made from viscoelastic foam and do not contain latex. Provide contouring support and can relieve pressure points.	Sleep masters	www.sleepmasters.co.za
		Microfiber Pillows: offer a soft and hypoallergenic alternative to latex pillows. They provide a plush feel and support for sleep.	The Bed Centre	www.thebedcentre.co.za
		Down or Feather Pillows: filled with down or feathers provide a natural and luxurious option that is latex-free. They offer softness and support.	Home Choice	www.homechoice.co.za
		Polyester Fiberfill Pillows: filled with synthetic polyester fibre offer a cost-effective and latex-free choice for various sleep preferences.	Mr Price Home	www.mrphome.com
		Buckwheat Hull Pillows: provide unique support and can be a latex-free option for those seeking a natural filling.	Home Loft	www.homeloft.co.za
Plaster moulding kits	Plaster moulding kits are DIY craft kits for creating moulds and castings using a mixture of	Silicone Plaster Moulding Kits: are latex-free and offer a flexible and durable option for creating moulds and castings.	AMT Composites	www.amtcomposites.co.za

Plaster moulding kits cont.	plaster and latex. These kits often include a mould-making material, such as liquid latex, and plaster of Paris or other casting plaster. The latex is used to create flexible moulds that can capture intricate details, and the plaster is poured into the mould to create replicas of objects or sculptures.	Alginate Plaster Moulding Kits: use seaweed-derived alginate as the moulding material. Suitable for capturing detailed impressions.	AMT Composites	www.amtcomposites.co.za
		Clay-Based Moulding Kits: are latex-free and can be suitable for simple projects.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Resin Plaster Moulding Kits: provide an alternative to latex and can create sturdy moulds for various casting projects.	AMT Composites	www.amtcomposites.co.za
Plastic bags	Plastic bags may contain latex as a component, often in the form of latex-based adhesives or sealants used in the manufacturing process. Commonly used for packaging, storage and carrying items. While the main material of the bags is plastic, the presence of latex components can potentially cause concerns for individuals with latex allergies.	Polyethylene (PE) Bags: commonly used for various purposes. They are versatile, lightweight and available in various sizes and thicknesses.	All Boxes Solutions & Supplies	www.allboxes.co.za
		Polypropylene (PP) Bags: durable and can be used for storing and transporting items and have a range of applications.	Wrap N Pack	www.wrapnpack.co.za
		Biodegradable Plastic Bags: made from materials like cornstarch or other plant-based components, provide an eco-friendly for short-term use.	Eco Boom	www.eco-boom.co.za
		Compostable Bags: made from materials like cornstarch or potato starch, and designed to break down in composting environments.	Yuppie Chef	www.yuppiechef.com
		Cotton or Fabric Bags: are reusable and latex-free. Suitable for carrying items and reducing single-use plastic waste.	Osbro	www.osbro.co.za
Rubber kitchen utensils	Rubber kitchen utensils and implements may contain latex. These utensils offer a soft and flexible grip, making them suitable for various cooking tasks. They are often used for stirring, flipping, and serving food.	Silicone Kitchen Utensils: offer a flexible and heat-resistant option for cooking. Various shapes and sizes and are safe for non-stick cookware.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Nylon Kitchen Utensils: durable and heat-resistant. They provide a non-latex alternative for stirring, flipping, and serving food.	Wool Worths	www.woolworths.co.za
		Stainless Steel Kitchen Utensils: are sturdy and versatile, providing a latex-free option for a wide range of cooking tasks.	Game	www.game.co.za
		Wooden Kitchen Utensils: natural and provide a traditional option for cooking. They are latex-free and can be used with various cookware.	Store and More	www.storeandmore.co.za
		Bamboo Kitchen Utensils: eco-friendly and latex-free. They are lightweight, durable, and suitable for different cooking applications.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
Rubber Toys	Rubber toys are playthings made from latex. These toys are known for their flexibility, softness and tactile qualities. They can come in various shapes, sizes, and designs, providing entertainment for children and sometimes pets.	Silicone Toys: popular latex-free alternative for children and pets. Soft, durable and safe to chew on, suitable for teething infants and pets.	Toys R Us	www.toysrus.co.za
		Plastic Toys: many plastic toys are latex-free and come in a wide range of options for different age groups and interests.	Shoprite	www.shoprite.co.za
		Wooden Toys: natural and latex-free. They offer a tactile and sensory experience for children and are often crafted with non-toxic materials.	Toy Factory Shop	www.toyfactoryshop.co.za
		Cloth or Fabric Toys: fabrics like cotton or plush materials provide a soft and latex-free option for infants and young children.	Toy Factory Shop	www.toyfactoryshop.co.za

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COSMETICS, BEAUTY AND HEALTH PRODUCTS

LATEX PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION	LATEX-FREE ALTERNATIVE	SUPPLIER	CONTACT DETAILS
Condoms	Condoms are barrier contraceptives made from latex rubber material, offer effective and reliable protection against unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) when used correctly. Latex condoms are stretchable, durable and come in various sizes and styles.	Polyisoprene Condoms: are made from a synthetic material that is latex-free and provides a natural feel and stretch.	Dis-Chem	www.dischem.co.za
		Lambskin Condoms: natural membrane or lambskin condoms are made from animal membrane. However, they do not protect against all STIs.	Ebay	www.ebay.com
		Latex-Free Polyblend Condoms: some manufacturers offer condoms made from a blend of latex-free materials, providing an alternative option.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
Eyelash curler	Eyelash curler enhance the appearance of eyelashes by creating a dramatic curl. The curler's frame is typically made of metal and features a rubber pad, often containing latex, which is used to hold and curl the lashes.	Silicone Eyelash Curler: feature a silicone pad that's gentle on the lashes and suitable for those with latex allergies.	Imbali Beauty Salon	www.imbalibeautysalon.co.za
		Metal Eyelash Curler with Latex-Free Pad: traditional metal eyelash curlers with interchangeable latex-free pads.	Clicks	www.clicks.co.za
False eyelashes and adhesive	False eyelashes are synthetic lash extensions to enhance the volume and length of natural eyelashes. These lashes are attached using an adhesive that contains latex.	Synthetic Fiber Lashes with Latex-Free Adhesive: synthetic fibres such as nylon or polyester, paired with latex-free adhesive.	Glamor Hair	www.glamorhair.co.za
		Mink or Silk Lashes with Latex-Free Adhesive: made from mink or silk and are often accompanied by latex-free adhesive.	Glamor Hair	www.glamorhair.co.za
		Magnetic Eyelashes: magnetic eyelashes do not require adhesive at all. They use small magnets to attach to the natural lashes.	Signature Cosmetics & Fragrances	www.signaturecosmetics.co.za
		Individual Flare Lashes with Latex-Free Glue: flare lashes made from latex-free materials, along with a compatible latex-free lash glue.	Clicks	www.clicks.co.za
		Clear Strip Lashes with Non-Latex Glue: when applied with a non-latex adhesive, create a seamless and natural look.	Glamor Hair	www.glamorhair.co.za
Hair bands	Hair bands are elastic hair accessories commonly used to secure hair in various styles. Typically made from latex, offering stretchability and grip to hold hair in place.	Fabric Hair Ties: soft fabric materials, such as cotton, silk, or synthetic blends, offer a gentle and comfortable alternative to latex bands.	Clicks	www.clicks.co.za
		Elastic Ribbon Hair Bands: feature an elastic core wrapped in ribbon or fabric. They provide a stylish and latex-free option.	Clicks	www.clicks.co.za
		Silicone Hair Bands: offer a unique alternative. They are stretchy and provide a strong grip without the use of latex.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Metal-Free Hair Elastics: some hair bands are designed without metal parts, and come in various sizes and colours to suit different hair types.	Glamor Hair	www.glamorhair.co.za

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Rubber make-up sponges	Makeup sponges are beauty tools commonly used for applying and blending makeup products, and are crafted from natural rubber latex, which offers a soft and flexible texture.	Silicone Makeup Sponges: made from silicone material and easy to clean, non-absorbent, and offer a unique application experience.	Dis-Chem	www.dischem.co.za
		Latex-Free Foam Makeup Sponges: offer foam sponges made from latex-free materials like polyurethane foam.	Hairhouse Warehouse	www.hairhousewarehouse.co.za
		Microfiber Makeup Sponges: made from soft, non-latex materials that provide a gentle application.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Biodegradable Makeup Sponges: an ego friendly non-latex alternative.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Dual-Ended Makeup Sponges: come with a dual-ended design, featuring different textures on each end for various makeup application needs.	Hairhouse Warehouse	www.hairhousewarehouse.co.za
Sanitary napkins	Sanitary napkins/pads are feminine hygiene products designed to provide absorbent protection during menstruation. These napkins contain natural rubber latex, which may be used in various components, such as the absorbent core or the elastic elements that help secure the pad in place.	Cotton-Based Sanitary Napkins: offer sanitary napkins made from cotton, which is a breathable and hypoallergenic material.	Leaf Line	www.leafline.co.za
		Bamboo Fiber Sanitary Napkins: eco-friendly alternatives that are often latex-free and provide absorbency and comfort.	Green Leaf Home	www.greenleafhome.co.za
		Organic Sanitary Napkins: organic materials like cotton and cornstarch are used.	Clicks	www.clicks.co.za
Toothbrush	Toothbrush is a dental hygiene tool for brushing teeth and maintaining oral health. It typically features bristles made from nylon or other materials, attached to a plastic or rubber handle which might contain latex, which is used for grip or ergonomic purposes.	Plastic Toothbrush: made entirely from plastic materials. Available in various designs and sizes.	Clicks	www.clicks.co.za
		Bamboo Toothbrush: eco-friendly alternatives with biodegradable handles.	Makro	www.makro.co.za
		Silicone Toothbrush: flexible and gentle on the gums. They are often latex-free and can offer a unique brushing experience.	Dis-Chem	www.dischem.co.za
		Nylon Bristle Toothbrush: feature nylon bristles that are attached to latex-free handles. Come in different styles and bristle textures.	Dis-Chem	www.dischem.co.za
Waterproof mascara	Waterproof mascara designed to enhance and define lashes while offering resistance to water, sweat, and humidity. Latex may be used in the water-resistant or waterproof properties of the mascara formula.	Waterproof Tubing Mascara: creates small, water-resistant tubes around each lash. It doesn't require latex and is smudge-proof.	Clicks	www.clicks.co.za
		Mineral-Based Waterproof Mascara: some mineral-based waterproof mascaras are made with natural ingredients and are free from latex.	Clicks	www.clicks.co.za

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (Latex is used in certain clothing & footwear items)

LATEX PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION	LATEX-FREE ALTERNATIVE	SUPPLIER	CONTACT DETAILS
Brassieres	Brassieres, commonly known as latex bras, are undergarments designed to provide support and shape to the bust. These bras are made from latex rubber material and offer a form-fitting and supportive design.	Cotton Bras: offer breathability, softness, and comfort, making them suitable for everyday wear.	Wantitall	www.wantitall.co.za
		Spandex Bras: made from spandex blends provide stretch, flexibility, and support for various activities.	Jockey SA	www.jockey.co.za
		Lace Bras: combine elegance with comfort and come in various styles suitable for different preferences.	Boody South Africa	www.boodywear.co.za
		Sports Bras: offer support and compression for active lifestyles, often made from moisture-wicking materials.	Sportsman's Warehouse	www.sportsmanswarehouse.co.za
		Bamboo Bras: offer eco-friendly comfort and softness against the skin.	Boody South Africa	www.boodywear.co.za
Socks	Socks may contain latex, which is used in various components such as the elastic bands or grips to help the socks stay in place. The latex can provide stretchiness and grip, offering a secure fit on the feet.	Cotton Socks: are breathable, comfortable, and widely available. They are a great latex-free option suitable for everyday wear.	Wool Worths	www.woolworths.co.za
		Bamboo Socks: are eco-friendly and naturally hypoallergenic, making them a comfortable and latex-free alternative.	Wool Worths	www.woolworths.co.za
		Synthetic Fiber Socks: made from synthetic materials like polyester, nylon, or acrylic can provide stretch and comfort without using latex.	Sportsman's Warehouse	www.sportsmanswarehouse.co.za
		Wool Socks: wool socks are a cozy and latex-free choice, providing warmth and moisture-wicking properties.	Takealot	www.takealot.com
		Hemp Socks: are durable and environmentally friendly, offering an alternative option for those looking for latex-free socks.	Sustainable	www.sustainable.co.za
Slippers	Slippers are footwear designed for indoor use, typically made from latex rubber material. Latex may be used in the sole, padding, or other components of the slipper to provide cushioning and a comfortable fit.	Fabric Slippers: made from fabric materials like cotton, fleece, or wool offer warmth and comfort without latex.	Pick N Pay Clothing	www.picknpayclothing.co.za
		Faux Leather Slippers: faux leather or synthetic upper materials provide durability and a stylish appearance without latex components.	Rock Dove	www.rockdovesa.co.za
		Memory Foam Slippers: offer cushioning and support, providing a comfortable option for indoor use.	Remedy Health	www.remedyhealth.co.za
		EVA Sole Slippers: EVA soles offer lightweight cushioning and comfort without latex.	Dis-Chem	www.dischem.co.za
		Sheepskin Slippers: provide warmth and a luxurious feel without latex components.	Eco Hub	www.ecohub.co.za
Shoes	Shoes may have latex components in their construction. These shoes are designed for various uses and activities, offering comfort, cushioning and support to the wearer. Latex may be used in the sole, padding, or other parts of the shoe.	Rubber Sole Shoes: rubber soles provide cushioning, support, and traction for various sports without latex components.	Edgars	www.edgars.co.za
		Ethylene-vinyl acetate sole shoes: EVA offer lightweight cushioning and comfort without latex, suitable for running and casual sports.	Tekkie Town	www.tekkietown.co.za
		Foam-Padded Shoes: foam padding provide shock absorption and comfort without the use of latex materials.	Dis-Chem	www.dischem.co.za

Shoes cont.		Mesh Upper Shoes: shoes with mesh uppers offer breathability and ventilation without latex content.	Shoe Box	www.shoebox.co.za
		Synthetic Leather Shoes: synthetic leather uppers provide durability and support for various sports activities.	Shoe City	www.shoecity.co.za
		Canvas Shoes: are lightweight and versatile, suitable for casual sports and activities without latex.	Shoe City	www.shoecity.co.za
		Polyurethane Sole Shoes: offer cushioning and durability for sports without latex components.	Cape Union Mart	www.capeunionmart.co.za
Swimwear	Swimwear may be made from latex rubber material, known for its sleek and body-hugging design. Offer a distinctive and eye-catching style often associated with fetish fashion, alternative subcultures, or avant-garde aesthetics.	Nylon/Spandex Swimwear: nylon and spandex blends provides stretch, comfort and a wide range of designs for different preferences.	Sportsman's Warehouse	www.sportsmanswarehouse.co.za
		Polyester Swimwear: offers durability and colourfastness, making it suitable for both casual and active swim activities.	Mr Price Sport	www.mrpsport.com
		Lycra Swimwear: provides flexibility, comfort and a snug fit, allowing for easy movement in the water.	Sportsman's Warehouse	www.sportsmanswarehouse.co.za
		Recycled Fabric Swimwear: recycled materials offers an eco-friendly option while providing comfort and style.	Wool Worths	www.woolworths.co.za
		Chlorine-Resistant Swimwear: designed to withstand the effects of pool chemicals, making it ideal for frequent swimmers.	Sportsman's Warehouse	www.sportsmanswarehouse.co.za
		Rash Guard Swimwear: provides sun protection and is often made from materials like polyester, nylon, or spandex.	Sportsman's Warehouse	www.sportsmanswarehouse.co.za
Under-garments	Underwear may be made from latex rubber material, known for its tight and form-fitting nature. Latex underwear provides a sleek and glossy appearance that hugs the body's contours.	Cotton Underwear: offers comfort, breathability, and a variety of styles suitable for everyday wear.	Edgars	www.edgars.co.za
		Microfiber Underwear: provides a smooth and lightweight option that wicks moisture away from the body.	Mr Price	www.mrp.com
		Modal Underwear: is made from a soft and sustainable fabric that offers comfort and stretch.	Jockey SA	www.jockey.co.za
		Lace Underwear: adds a feminine touch and comes in various styles for different preferences.	Inner Secrets	www.innersecrets.co.za
		Bamboo Underwear: is eco-friendly, breathable, and offers a silky texture against the skin.	Boody South Africa	www.boodywear.co.za
		Synthetic Blend Underwear: made from synthetic blends like nylon and spandex provides stretch and comfort for active lifestyles.	Truworths	www.truworths.co.za
		Silk Underwear: offers a luxurious feel and is naturally breathable, making it suitable for special occasions.	Boody South Africa	www.boodywear.co.za