

## Cordial de Monell FAQ

This fact sheet gives information about a dangerous teething product called *Monell's Teething Cordial*. In Spanish it is called *Cordial de Monell para la Dentición*.

### What is Cordial de Monell?

*Cordial de Monell* is a liquid used to treat pain from teething or colic in babies. *Cordial de Monell* is made in the Dominican Republic.

### What does *Cordial de Monell* look like?

*Cordial de Monell* is sold in small glass bottles covered with yellow paper with black letters. The bottle has a white label with black letters and has the name "*Cordial de Monell para la Dentición*" on it.



Photos. Cordial de Monell para la Dentición

### Why is *Cordial de Monell* dangerous?

*Cordial de Monell* has a dangerous chemical called *potassium bromide* {*bromuro de potasio*}. Children and babies, who are given *Cordial de Monell* can experience brain effects, tiredness, coma, nausea, vomiting, and decreased appetite. It is against the law to sell this product in NYC.

### What is being done to stop the sale of *Cordial de Monell*?

The company that sells *Cordial de Monell* to stores sent warning notices to stores. The warning notice tells storeowners to stop selling *Cordial de Monell* and to return products to the distributor. See the recall notice by following this link:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ArchiveRecalls/2009/ucm135958.htm> .

### What should business owners do if they sell these products?

- Immediately stop selling *Cordial de Monell* and remove all products from the store shelves and from the store inventory.
- Package and return these products to the distributor.
- Post a warning sign in the stores to warn customers not to use *Cordial de Monell*. Call 311 to ask for a warning sign to post in your store.

**What should I do if I use *Cordial de Monell* or other imported health products?**

- Immediately stop using *Cordial de Monell*.
- Throw it away in the garbage.
- Call 311 to report places where *Cordial de Monell* has been sold.
- Talk to your doctor about treatments for teething and colic.
- Beware of the possible danger of using imported products. They may not be safe or FDA-approved.
- Never use products that are sold without labels.
- Any time you suspect a poisoning or have a question about toxic products call the Poison Control Center 24 hours a day at:
  - English-speaking callers, call: (212) POISONS (764-7667)
  - Spanish-speaking callers, call: (212) VENENOS (836-3667)

**For more information about what you can do to take care of your baby, go to <http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/ms/ms-childsafety-bro.pdf> and see “Take Good Care of Your Baby: What Everyone Can Do”.**