



Product Recall Update

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We are writing to bring your attention to a recent recall affecting *WanaBana, Schnucks, or Weis* brand cinnamon applesauce or apple purée products containing cinnamon dated *after November 2022*. These products, distributed by *Austrofood* in collaboration with *WanaBana USA*, have been recalled due to potential lead contamination.

Lead exposure can have serious consequences, particularly for children and pregnant individuals, as it can impact developing nervous systems and brains. *On November 30, 2023*, Austrofood and WanaBana USA issued a statement reporting that a root cause investigation identified cinnamon as the likely source of elevated lead levels in the recalled products.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is actively investigating to trace the contamination source. *As of December 1, 2023*, there have been 64 reports of adverse events potentially linked to the recalled product, with complainants primarily being children aged 1 to 5 years.

While the investigation is ongoing, the FDA has not found indications that the issue extends beyond the recalled products. To ensure public safety, incoming cinnamon shipments from various countries are being screened for lead contamination.



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For your immediate action:

- 1. Dispose of Recalled Products:** Please dispose of any recalled *WanaBana, Schnucks, or Weis* brand cinnamon applesauce or apple purée products containing cinnamon that are ***dated after November 2022***.
- 2. Get Tested:** If you or your child consumed the recalled product, ***please contact your healthcare provider*** to see if additional testing is recommended.
- 3. Reporting and Refund:** Report any adverse events or complaints directly to the FDA. Return recalled products to the place of purchase for a full refund. For questions, contact WanaBana at ***support@wanabanafruits.com*** or the Schnucks Customer Care team at ***314-994-4400 or 1-800-264-4400***, or the Weis Customer Service number at ***866-999-9347***.
- 4. Check Your Homes:** These products may have a long shelf life, so please ***check your homes for any recalled items and discard them***.
- 5. Seek Medical Attention:** Most children show no immediate symptoms of lead exposure. If you suspect exposure, ***talk to your child's healthcare provider about a blood test***.

We understand the concern this may cause and appreciate your immediate attention to this matter. If you have further questions or need assistance, visit ***www.fda.gov/fcic*** for additional resources.