

News story: Precautionary Recall – Children’s Blackcurrant Cough Syrup

People should check bottles of some own-brand children’s blackcurrant cough syrup to see if they need a replacement.

A problem with one of the ingredients in these medicines has been identified which could cause them to allow mould to grow. There is a low risk that the mould could make the child unwell or cause a reaction, although to date we are not aware of any cases where this has happened. As a precaution it has been decided to recall affected batches.

Only a small number of batches from 8 different products are being recalled. No other cough syrups are affected.

Dr Sam Atkinson, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency’s (MHRA) Director of the Inspection, Enforcement and Standards Division said:

Check if you have any of the listed cough syrups and if you do, please don’t use them. Take them back to where you bought them from.

The mould is not always visible, so return any of the affected cough syrup bottles, even if it looks okay to use. “If your child has recently taken one of these cough syrups, and, in the unlikely event that they have become unwell or had a reaction, please speak to your GP, pharmacist or other healthcare professional.

Our highest priority is making sure the medicines you and your family take are safe. This is why, even though there is a low risk of a reaction, we have asked the company to carry out this recall and why we want people to check their medicine cabinets.

As with any medicine, we strongly encourage anyone to report any suspected side effects to us via our [Yellow Card Scheme](#).

Notes to Editor

Brand and Product Description	Batch Number(s)	Expiry Date
Asda Children’s Dry Cough Syrup Glycerol Blackcurrant Flavour	274V1, 276V1, 278V1, 283W1	27/09/2017, 31/10/2017, 02/01/2018, 19/02/2018

Bell's Children's Cough Syrup Blackcurrant Flavour	280V3	04/01/2018
Morrisons Children's Dry Tickly Cough Glycerin 0.75g/5ml Oral Solution	282W1	30/01/2018
Numark Children's Dry Cough 0.75 g/5 ml Oral Solution	280V1, 288W1	04/01/2018, 27/04/2018
Sainsbury's Children's Dry Cough 0.75g/5ml Syrup	275V1	11/10/2017
Superdrug Children's Dry Tickly Cough Glycerin 0.75 g/5 ml Oral Solution	280V2, 284W1	04/01/2018, 24/03/2018
Tesco Children's Dry Cough Syrup	277V1, 278V2, 281W1	31/10/2017, 02/01/2018, 30/01/2018
Wilko Tickly Cough 0.75g/5ml Oral Solution	275V2	11/10/2017

1. MHRA is responsible for regulating all medicines and medical devices in the UK. All our work is underpinned by robust and fact-based judgments to ensure that the benefits justify any risks. MHRA is a centre of the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency which also includes the [National Institute for Biological Standards and Control \(NIBSC\)](#) and the [Clinical Practice Research Datalink \(CPRD\)](#). The Agency is an executive agency of the Department of Health. www.mhra.gov.uk

2. [Link to Yellow Card Scheme](#)

3. Images: