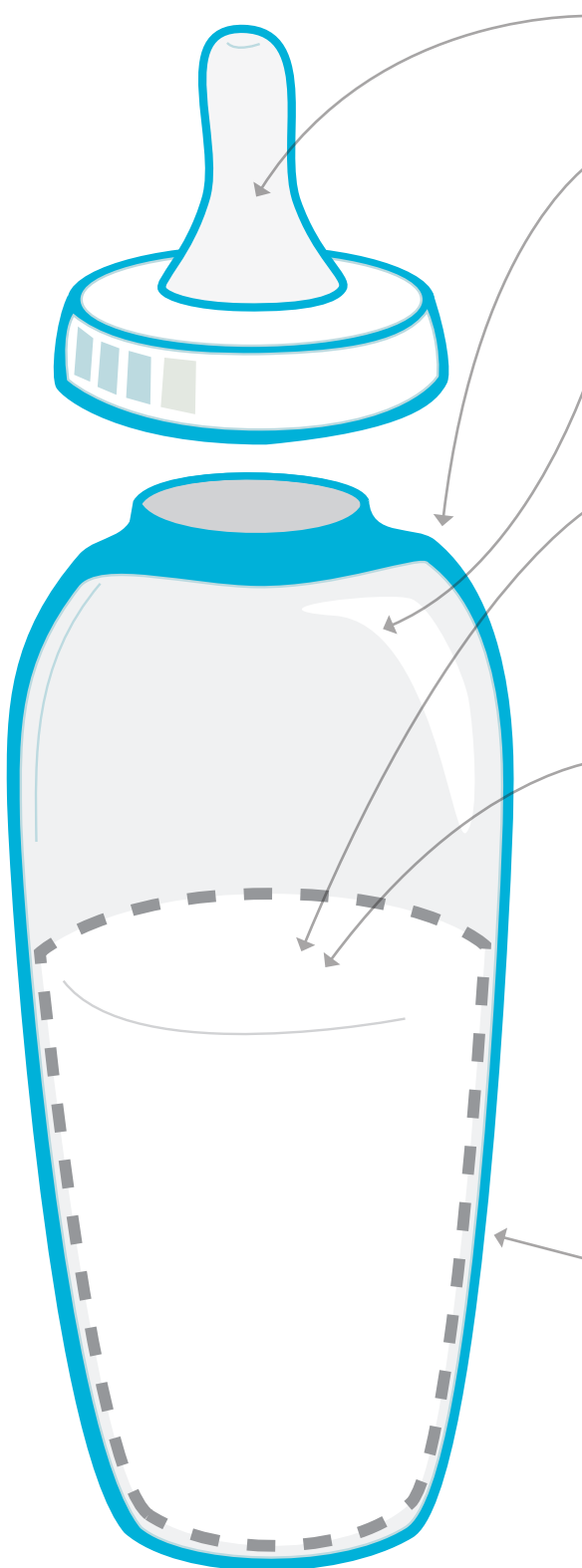


EWG's Guide to Baby-Safe Bottles and Formula

Breast milk is best, but whether you're feeding breastmilk or formula in a bottle, use this guide to feed your baby safely.



Nipple: Start with a clear silicone nipple.
Latex rubber nipples can cause allergic reactions and can contain impurities linked to cancer.

Bottle: Use glass.
Plastic bottles can leach a toxic chemical called bisphenol A (BPA) into formula and breast milk. Avoid clear, hard plastic bottles marked with a 7 or "PC."

Plastic bottle liners: Don't use them.
The soft plastic liners may leach chemicals into formula and breast milk, especially when heated.

Water: Use filtered tap water.
If your water is fluoridated, use a reverse osmosis filter to remove fluoride, which the American Dental Association recommends avoiding when reconstituting formula. If your water is not fluoridated use a carbon filter. If you choose bottled water make sure it's fluoride-free.



Formula: Choose powdered.
A toxic chemical called bisphenol A (BPA) leaches into liquid formulas. Powdered formula does not have BPA.

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Choose powdered formula when possible, or liquid formula in glass or plastic containers.

Avoid all liquid formula in metal cans.

Heating: Warm bottles in a pan of hot water.
Microwaving can heat unevenly and cause chemicals to leach from plastic bottles into formula.

For more information, visit www.ewg.org/babysafe.

