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Talcum Powder Case Settles Midtrial



On January 6, 2020, a California state court judge announced that a case against Johnson & Johnson related to allegations that its talcum powder products contained asbestos had settled midtrial.

The details of the settlement were not immediately available. The plaintiffs alleged that Johnson & Johnson's talcum powder products contained asbestos which caused mesothelioma. In October 2019, a test conducted by the FDA found one sample of Johnson & Johnson's talcum powder contained asbestos, which prompted a [voluntary recall](#) of a certain lot of the products. According to the company, later testing conducted by two independent labs found no asbestos. The now-settled case is one of several alleging that talcum powder products contained asbestos and caused mesothelioma, but among the first that would have asked a jury to consider the impact of the FDA's October findings. The FDA updated its [safety alert](#) on cosmetic products containing asbestos several times in 2019. For more information about FDA action regarding talc and asbestos, please see our post: [Talc, Asbestos, and FDA Regulation of Cosmetics](#).

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