

Super Glue Removal

Definition

- Super Glue is stuck on the skin or another body part.
- Other common brands are Gorilla Glue, Krazy Glue and Loctite.

Health Information

Symptoms

- Symptoms depend on where the Super Glue is stuck.
- Overall, Super Glue is harmless. It will not cause burns or scars.
- Once it dries, it is nontoxic.

Care Advice

1. Key Points

- Super Glue on the skin is harmless. It will come off on its own in a few days.
- Don't remove the Super Glue with force. It can tear the skin.
- Here is some home care advice that should help.

2. Super Glue on Skin: How to Remove

- Act quickly before the glue sets (sticks to skin) and dries. Super Glue sets within seconds. It takes 5 to 10 minutes to fully dry.
- Wash the area right away with warm water and soap.
- Any glue left will peel off on its own in 3 or 4 days.

3. Fingers Stuck Together: How to Remove Glue

- If fingers are stuck together, use an ointment such as petroleum jelly (Vaseline).
- If you don't have an ointment, try an oil. Examples are mineral oil, olive oil or coconut oil.
- Rub the ointment or oil on the glue until it becomes loose.
- Caution: do not try to pull the fingers apart quickly or with force. Reason: this may pull off the top layer of skin.
- If fingers stay stuck together after doing this, seek medical care.

4. Lips Stuck Together: How to Remove Glue

- Rinse the area where the lips are glued with warm water right away.
- Gently roll the lips against each other until they come apart.
- If warm water doesn't work, try petroleum jelly (Vaseline) or an oil. Examples are mineral oil, olive oil or coconut oil.
- Caution: do not try to pull the lips apart quickly or with force. Reason: this may pull off the top layer of the lip.
- If lips stay stuck together after doing this, seek medical care.

5. **Super Glue on Eyes: How to Remove**

- Rinse the eye with warm water right away. This will flush out the Super Glue and prevent it from sticking. Rinse the eye for 5 to 10 minutes.
- **Shower technique.** Have your child stand in the shower with the water running over the face. Encourage your child to keep their eyes open. For younger children, hold them in your arms.
- **Lying down technique.** Have your child lie down with towels under their head. You can also hold their head over the sink. Slowly pour warm water over the eye from a pitcher or glass. If your child can't keep the eye open, try to hold the eyelid open for them.
- **Caution:** do not try to pull the eyelids apart if they are glued together. Reason: this may pull off the top layer of the eyelids or eyelashes.
- If eyelids stay stuck together, or eye pain stays after flushing, seek medical care.

6. **What to Expect**

- After washing the skin, there can be some glue left. This will rub off within a few days.
- After flushing, any eye stinging or blurry vision should go away within an hour.
- Eye redness should resolve in 24 hours.

Call Your Doctor If

- You can't get the fingers or lips unstuck
- Eye pain, blurred vision or tearing lasts over 1 hour after flushing
- You think your child needs to be seen
- You have other questions or concerns

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