

# Information for WIC Participants Regarding Formula Availability

## Which formulas can I buy?

Due to the product shortages, Oregon WIC participants who receive formula can temporarily use their WIC EBT cards to purchase specific alternative options. [Click here to see a list of allowed formula alternatives.](#)

## If you need to purchase formula using your WIC benefits:

- We are once again starting to see Similac powder formulas in stores. If the formula listed on your benefit is available, please use your eWIC card to purchase it.
- If you cannot find the formula listed on your benefit or any of the [alternative formulas](#), please call your [local WIC clinic](#) to explore options.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Are homemade formulas safe?

A: **No.** The FDA strongly advises to **not** feed homemade formula to infants. Feeding infants homemade formula can be life-threatening due to the potential for contamination and the absence of or inadequate amounts of vital nutrients.

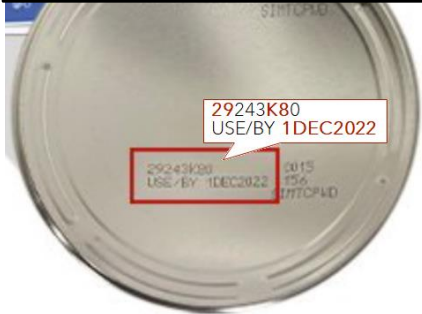
Q: Are the Similac formulas currently available in stores safe to use?

A: Recalled products should no longer be available for sale. If you feel unsure, use the lot number as shown below to check against recalled products.

Q: Which products were recalled?

A: Abbott Nutrition recalled several powder infant formulas in February 2022. Here's how you can tell if you have any of those products:

Example lot number on bottom of can



- Enter the lot number into the Similac Recall site: [www.similacrecall.com](http://www.similacrecall.com)
- Check the lot number for all 3 of the following:
  - ✓ The first two digits between 22 through 37,**and**
  - ✓ A code that has K8, SH, or Z2,**and**
  - ✓ An expiration date of 04/01/2022 or later.

## If the formula you have was recalled:

- Do **NOT** use the formula.

Options to exchange or replace it are:

- Call Abbott directly at 1-800-986-8540.
- Check with your store. WIC has temporarily approved additional options for replacing recalled formula, which may include, but are not limited to, the same product, a [substitute product](#), store credit, or a cash refund.