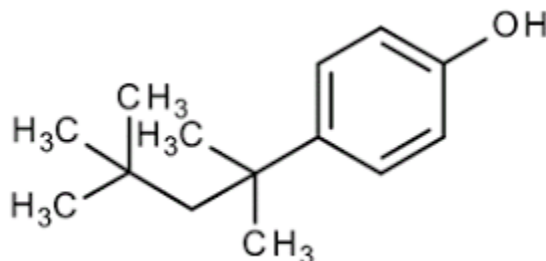


CAS 140-66-9

4-Tert-Octylphenol

(4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl) phenol)

C₁₄H₂₂O



Summary of Health Effects

4-tert-octylphenol can affect the reproductive system of animals and affect how babies develop. It can also affect how hormones are produced in animals.

How is 4-tert-octylphenol used?

4-tert-octylphenol is used to make surfactants used in detergents, industrial cleaners, and emulsifiers.¹

Toxicity: What are its health effects?

High doses of several alkylphenols, including 4-tert-octylphenol, have altered estrogenic effects, including sex hormone levels, estrus cycles, reproductive outcomes, neonatal sexual development, as well as impaired production of steroid hormone and testicular atrophy.¹

4-tert-octylphenol is classified as a category 1 endocrine disruptor.² 4-tert-octylphenol is listed in the Danish Ministry for the Environment's List

of Undesirable Substances as having endocrine-disrupting effects.³

Exposure: How can a person come in contact with it?

A person can come in contact with 4-tert-octylphenol by breathing contaminated air, eating contaminated food and drinking contaminated water, or from skin contact with consumer products.¹

4-tert-octylphenol was detected in plastics through the Dutch Inspectorate screening of plastic toys for chemical composition and hazards report.⁴

The 2014 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) data show that urinary levels of 4-tert-octylphenol were detectable in a small percentile of the U.S. population, and detection in the urine reflects recent exposure.⁵

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