Fertility scare in bath toys

DANGEROUSLY high levels of fertility-harming chemicals were found in children's bath toys being sold on Amazon, a documentary claims.

An investigation by Channel 4's Dispatches discovered DEHP in three toys. The chemical was banned by the EU in children's toys after it was linked to reducing male fertility.

The maximum level of DEHP in a toy product is 0.1 per cent. But tests by Dispatches found levels of up to 50 per cent, or 500 times the legal limit.

Professor Laurence Harwood, director of chemical analysis from Reading University, said the toys “may look harmless” but DEHP can be “absorbed through the skin”.

Amazon removed the toys after it was contacted by Dispatches.