

THE COACH'S PLAN

The Honest Turmeric Safety Plan

For anyone taking, or considering, a concentrated turmeric or curcumin supplement.

2-3 mo

NCCIH safe window

Ordinary turmeric is likely safe in normal amounts for this long

10

DILIN case series

Five patients hospitalized, one died of acute liver failure

1-4 mo

Typical time to injury

When turmeric liver injury appears, it usually shows in this window

Turmeric on your food is one of the safest spices there is. The concern is the concentrated capsule. The NIH says ordinary turmeric is likely safe for a few months, but warns that highly bioavailable curcumin formulas may harm the liver, and its LiverTox database has logged real, sometimes severe cases.

What the evidence actually says

- 1 As a cooking spice, turmeric has a long and reassuring safety record.
- 2 Concentrated, high-absorption curcumin capsules are the ones tied to liver injury.
- 3 Piperine from black pepper multiplies curcumin absorption, and is part of the risk.
- 4 NIH LiverTox grades the injury as potentially severe, with US cases rising.
- 5 Most reported patients carried the HLA-B*35:01 immune gene variant.

Your 3-step plan

1 Step 1: Separate the Spice From the Supplement

Turmeric in food is not the issue. The caution applies to concentrated curcumin capsules, especially high-absorption formulas that pair curcumin with black pepper.

2 Step 2: Know the Stop-Now Symptoms

NCCIH names the warning signs of liver trouble: unusual fatigue, nausea, poor appetite, dark urine, or a yellow tint to the skin or eyes. If any appear, stop and call your provider.

3 Step 3: Clear It First If You Are Higher Risk

People with existing liver conditions or those on other medications should talk to a provider first. Choose a third-party tested product and keep the dose modest.

The safety line

Turmeric as a spice is fine. For concentrated curcumin supplements, stop and call your provider if you notice fatigue, nausea, poor appetite, dark urine or jaundice. Talk to your clinician before starting one, especially with a liver condition or other medicines.

Read the full article: <https://www.agelesscoach.com/articles/turmeric-is-safe-the-liver-warnings-arent-nothing>

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