
JOHNSON & JOHNSON ANNOUNCES PENN PLANT SHUT DOWN



Businessweek: In the wake of a congressional investigation into a recall of children's medicine, [Johnson & Johnson](#) announced yesterday that it will close down the Fort Washington, Pennsylvania facility where the drugs were manufactured. In April, the company issued a recall on over 40 of its over-the-counter children's products such as Tylenol, Motrin and Benadryl. The items did not meet internal quality control standards. The investigation stems from allegations that J&J attempted to hide a recall of defective Motrin pills. The plant, said a spokesperson, will be shut down for reorganization. As a result, about 75 percent of its workforce there, about 300 employees, will be let go. Johnson & Johnson will offer the laid off workers pay benefits through at least mid-September and then offer severance packages based on time with the company. The plant will be closed until at least mid-2011.

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