

	Gemstone	Toughness	Mohs Hardness	Steaming	Ultrasonic	Boiling	Soap	Untreated Cloth
	Alexandrite	Excellent	08-01-02	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
	Amazonite	Poor	6 - 6 1/2	Never	Never	Never	Safe	Yes
	Amber	Poor	2 - 2 1/2	No	No	No	Luke-warm soapy water is safe. Do not use a brush because it may leave scratches.	Yes
	Amethyst	Good		7 Risky	Usually Safe	No	Yes	Yes
	Apatite	Fair		5 Never	Risky	Never	Safe	Yes
	Aquamarine	Good	7 1/2 - 8	Usually Safe (unless it contains feathers or fractures)	Usually Safe	No	Yes	Yes
	Aragonite	Fair - Poor	3 1/2 - 4	Never	Never	Never	Usually Safe	Yes
	Calcite	Fair - Poor		3 Never	Risky	No	Cool soapy water is safe	Yes
	Carnelian	Good		7 No	Usually Safe	No	Yes	Yes



[Citrine](#)

Good

7 No

Usually Safe

No

Yes

Yes



[Coral](#)

Fair

3 1/2 - 4

Risky

Risky

No

Yes

Yes



[Chrysocolla](#)

Poor

2 to 4

No

No

No

Luke-warm soapy water is safe.
Do not use a brush because it
may leave scratches.

Yes



[Cubic Zirconia
\(CZ\)](#)

Good

08-01-02 Safe

Safe

Safe

Safe

Yes



[Diamond](#)

Good

10 Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes



[Diopside](#)

Poor

5 1/2 - 6

Never

Risky

No

Safe

Yes



[Emerald](#)

Poor - Good

7 1/2 - 8

No

No

No

Yes

Yes



[Fluorite](#)

Poor

4 Never

Never

Never

Safe

Yes



[Garnet](#)

Good

7 - 7 1/2

No

Usually Safe

No

Yes

Yes



[Howlite](#)

Fair

3 - 3 1/2

Risky

Risky

Never

Safe

Yes



[Iolite](#)

Fair

7 - 7 1/2

No

No

No

Yes

Yes



[Jade, Jadeite](#)

Exceptional

6 1/2 - 7

Safe

Safe

Safe

Safe

Yes



[Jade, Nephrite](#)

Exceptional

6 - 6 1/2

Safe

Safe

Safe

Safe

Yes



[Kyanite](#)

Poor

4 - 7 1/2

No

No

No

Yes

Yes



[Labradorite](#)

Poor

6 - 6 1/2

Never

Never

Never

Safe

Yes



[Lapis Lazuli](#)

Fair

06-mai No

No

No

Yes

Yes



[Malachite](#)

Poor

3 1/2 - 4

No

No

No

Safe

Yes



[Moonstone](#)

Poor

6 - 6 1/2

Never

Never

Never

Safe

Yes



New "Jade"	Poor	2 1/2 - 6	Risky	Never	No	Safe	Yes
Olive "Jade"	Poor	2 1/2 - 6	Risky	Never	No	Safe	Yes
Opal	Very Poor - Fair	5 - 6 1/2	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Pearl	Poor	2 1/2 - 4	No	No	No	No	Yes
Peridot	Fair - Good	6 1/2 - 7	No	Risky	No	Safe	Yes
Rainbow Moonstone	Poor	6 - 6 1/2	Never	Never	Never	Safe	Yes
Rhodochrosite	Poor	3 1/2 - 4 1/2	No	No	No	Cool Soapy Water	Yes
Rhodonite	Poor - Good	5 1/2 - 6 1/2	Safe	Usually Safe	No	Warm Soapy Water	Yes
Ruby	Excellent		9 Yes	Yes	No	Lukewarm Soapy Water is safe.	Yes



[Sapphire](#)

Excellent

9 Yes

Yes

No

Yes

Yes

[Serpentine](#)

Poor

2 1/2 - 6

Risky

Never

No

Safe

Yes

[Shell](#)

Fair

3 1/2 Risky

Risky

Risky

Safe

Yes

[Sodalite](#)

Poor

06-mai Risky

Never

Never

Safe

Yes

[Spinel](#)

Good

8 Yes

Yes

No

Yes

Yes

[Sunstone](#)

Poor

6 - 6 1/2

Never

Never

Never

Safe

Yes

[Tanzanite](#)

Poor

07-juin No

No

No

Yes

Yes

[Topaz](#)

Poor

8 No

No

No

Yes

Yes

[Tourmaline](#)

Fair

7 - 7 1/2

No

No

No

Yes

Yes



[Turquoise](#)

Poor - Good

06-mai No

No

No

Yes

Yes

Zircon

Poor - Fair

6 - 7 1/2

No

No

No

Yes

Yes