

Important facts

Emollients are moisturising treatments applied directly to the skin to soothe and hydrate it, they help manage different skin conditions, such as eczema, psoriasis and ichthyosis. Examples include creams, ointments and gels.

- Using emollient skin products is safe unless the product has dried into fabric and an ignition source, such as a cigarette, match, lighter, heater or candle is introduced. If a fire develops it will burn very quickly, spreading within seconds, which may result in serious injury or death.
- Emollient residue acts as an accelerant increasing the speed of ignition and intensity of fire which may result in serious injury or death.
- Regular use of emollient products could result in the contamination of your clothing, bedding and furniture which could catch fire more easily if exposed to any heat source.

- In the event of your clothes catching fire stop drop and roll.

Useful contacts and resources available

Fire safety in your home and to book a free safe and well visit (recommended)

- **West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service**
01274 385432 | www.westyorksfire.gov.uk
- **North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service**
01609 788545 | www.northyorksfire.gov.uk
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xt4LE3wmtb0&feature=youtu.be
- **NHS Free Smoking Helpline**
0800 022 4332 | www.smokefree.nhs.uk | www.mylivingwell.co.uk
- **BOC Home Oxygen Provider**
0800 012 1858 | The Bradford Service | BOC Clinical Services
- **Baywater Healthcare Home Oxygen Supplier**
0800 022 4332 | www.baywater.co.uk

Keep away from fire when using these products

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Fire Hazard

with emollient skin products including paraffin-based products on dressings, bandages, clothing, bedding and furniture.



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Don't smoke or allow others to smoke in your home.



Don't use any naked flames such as matches, lighters and candles if there is any chance that your clothing or bedding has become contaminated with the emollient products. Emollient products will soak into the material making them flammable.



Don't cook if there is any chance that your clothing is contaminated with emollient products.



Due to the product being an accelerant the risk of fire is increased when an emollient is used with oxygen therapy, therefore, take care to not allow any oxygen equipment including mask or nasal cannula to come into contact with the cream/ointment.



Change and wash your bedding frequently, preferably daily, on the hottest wash recommended by the manufacturer. This may reduce the build up of emollient on them but does not remove it completely and the risk may remain.



Change and wash your clothes frequently, preferably daily, on the hottest wash recommended by the manufacturer. This may reduce the build up of emollient on them but does not remove it completely and the risk may remain.



Ensure your furniture is washable or you are able to wipe them down regularly to avoid them becoming saturated with the build up of emollient.



Share this information and advice leaflet with your family, carers and friends.