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FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Emollient Products and Fire Safety



Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service provides home fire safety advice to keep you safe at home.

If you are concerned about your fire safety, or the fire safety of others, please visit our website below to complete our online assessment for personalised advice or to find out if you are eligible for a Home Fire Safety Assessment.

manchesterfire.gov.uk

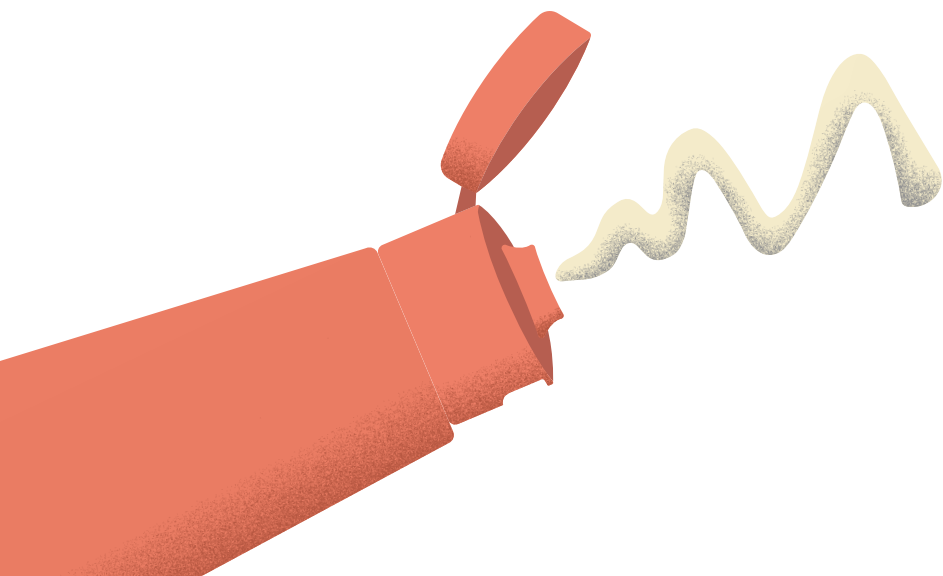
Emollient products such as creams, sprays, liquids or gels are safe to use and they are vital for the skin conditions that they treat.

When emollient products get onto bedding, clothing, bandages or other fabrics, the dried residue will make the fabric more flammable.

If a heat or ignition source, such as a cigarette, comes into contact with the fabric it will catch fire more easily and the fire will burn faster and hotter.

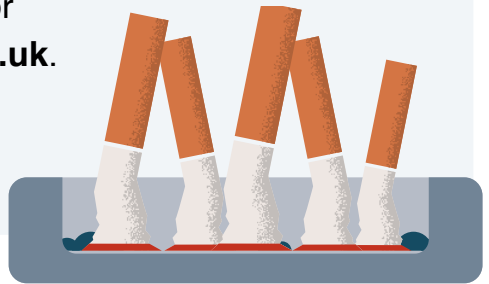
This risk exists in emollients that contain paraffin and in those that don't.

If there is any risk that your clothes, bedding, bandages or other fabrics are contaminated with emollient residue, follow the fire safety advice opposite.

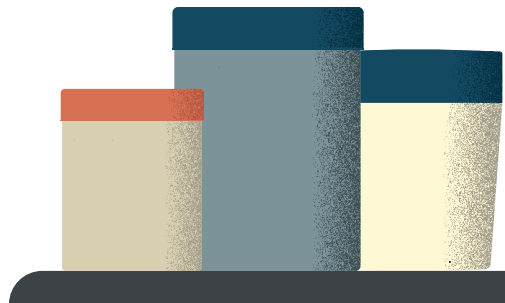


To stay safe:

- Don't smoke. If you do smoke, and you want to quit, the best way to do so is a combination of medication and support. This is available through the NHS. Visit [nhs.uk/smokefree](https://www.nhs.uk/smokefree) or [makesmokinghistory.co.uk](https://www.makesmokinghistory.co.uk).
- Keep away from anyone who is smoking.



- Don't go near to naked flames, smoking materials, cookers, heaters and other ignition sources.
- Wash your clothes, bedding and fabrics frequently, at the highest temperature recommended on the fabric care label. This will reduce the emollient residue but be aware that it may not totally remove it. Therefore, remain cautious and stay away from fire.



**Fit a smoke alarm on every level of your home
and test your alarms weekly.**



A working smoke alarm can buy you valuable time to:



Get out



Stay out



Call 999

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If you do not have access to the internet, call **0800 555 815**