



*Skin products containing paraffin based products, for example White Soft Paraffin, White Soft Paraffin plus 50% Liquid Paraffin or Emulsifying ointment, in contact with dressings and clothing are easily ignited with a naked flame or a cigarette.*

**Keep away from fire when using these products**



**Fire  
Hazard**

**With  
Paraffin  
Based Skin  
Products On  
Dressings And  
Clothing**

If you are being treated with a paraffin based product, for example White Soft Paraffin, White Soft Paraffin plus 50% Liquid Paraffin or Emulsifying ointment, which is covered by a dressing or clothing, there is a danger that smoking, or using a naked flame could cause your dressing or clothing to catch fire.



**To stop this happening it is very important that you do the following:**

1. Do not smoke, use naked flames (or be near people who are smoking or using naked flames) or go near to anything else which may cause a fire whilst these products are in contact with your clothes, dressing or bandages.
2. Ensure that your clothes and bedding are changed regularly (preferably daily) as the paraffin soaks into the fabrics and can potentially be a fire hazard. You should also be careful to make sure that the paraffin does not soak into chairs, seating or other furniture.
3. Tell your relatives or carers about your treatment and show them this leaflet.
4. Tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you normally smoke. They will be able to offer you help and advice to stop smoking.

**Your treatment is important, but it is essential that you are kept safe when you use these products. By following the advice in this leaflet, you will help us to make sure that you are treated safely.**

**Please speak to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you have any questions about the information in this leaflet.**