

Skin Creams: **ALERT**

Do you use emollient (skin cream, ointment, lotion, gel, spray, bath oil or soap substitute)?



It's important to be aware of the fire safety risks if you use any of these.



Some dressing or bandages may also have ointment already on them.

Important Facts

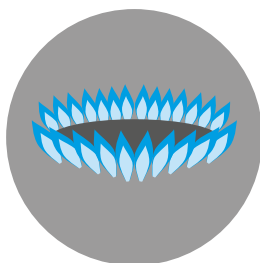
1

Emollients are important in managing different skin conditions.



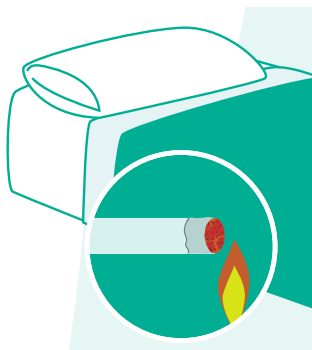
2

They are safe to use unless the emollient has dried into fabrics and there is an ignition source close by (e.g a cigarette, match, lighter, gas cooker, candle, heater, bonfire).



3

The fabric can catch fire much more quickly and burn hotter which could cause serious injury or death.



Follow these **do's** and **don't's** to reduce the risk:



Stay away from naked flame and heat source.

Change and wash clothes and bedding every day.

Wash fabrics on the hottest wash possible (as stated on the label).

Check your smoke alarm works every week.

Make sure your furniture is washable OR use throws / covers and wash these regularly.

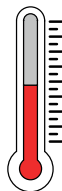
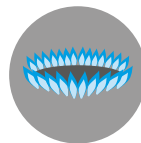
Share this leaflet with your family, friends and Carers.



Do not smoke or let other people smoke near you.

Do not use naked flames such as lighters, matches and candles.

Do not cook on gas / open flame if your clothes could have emollient on them.



Speak to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you have any questions about this leaflet.

DBTH Medicine helpline: 01302 644324

