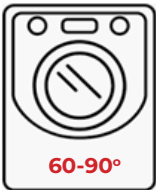




Fire Safety Advice

for clients who use paraffin based emollients

Emollient Creams are paraffin based and pose a significant fire risk. They can impregnate clothing and bedding making them particularly inflammable. If you use emollient creams to treat skin conditions please note the following:



- Do not smoke or use naked flames (or be near people who are smoking or using naked flames).
- Do not go near anything that may cause a fire while emollients are in contact with their medical dressings or clothing. For example, do not lean over a lit gas cooker hob or candles, or allow lit cigarettes to come into contact with clothing or dressings.
- Clothing and bedding should be changed regularly - preferably daily - to reduce the build-up of paraffin within the fabric.
- Clothing should be washed at a higher temperature. It is suggested that this should be between 60-90 degrees to remove the paraffin. Many garments cannot safely be washed at this temperature without causing damage in which case the advice must be to avoid wearing delicate clothing when using emollient creams.

For Further Advice please contact the Community Safety Department on 0800 177 7069 or visit our website at www.esfrs.org



Bedtime checklist

- Close inside doors at night to stop a fire from spreading.
- Turn off and unplug electrical appliances unless they are designed to be left on – like your freezer.
- Check your cooker is turned off.
- Don't leave the washing machine or tumble dryer on.
- Turn heaters off and put up fireguards.
- Put candles and cigarettes out properly.
- Make sure exits are kept clear.
- Keep door and window keys where everyone can find them.

