



The use of medications, such as ointments, creams, solutions applied to treat a skin condition that are in contact with bandages, dressings, clothes, bedding and furniture can become flammable when exposed to an ignition source, such as a naked flame, cigarette or heater.



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, bedding, dressing or bandages.
2. Ensure that your clothes and bedding are washed/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 poster.
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 above advice, you will help us to make sure that you are treated safely.