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# FIRE HAZARD?



## **Paraffin Based Skin Products on Dressings and Clothing Keep away from fire when using these products!**

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

- Do not smoke, use naked flames or be near people who are smoking or using naked flames whilst these products are in contact with clothes, dressing or bandages.
- Ensure that clothes and bedding are changed regularly (preferably daily) as the paraffin soaks into the fabrics and can potentially be a fire hazard.
- Tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you smoke or you are treating someone using these products who smokes. They will be able to offer help and advice to stop smoking.