

Safety Notice

Medical Devices

Head Lice Treatment Products – Risk of Fire

Priority 2 – Warning

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MANUFACTURER / SUPPLIER	HPRA CASE REFERENCE
Various manufacturers	V34570

ISSUE

The HPRA wishes to raise awareness of the risk of fire associated with some head lice treatment products which are available in Ireland.

Exposure to a naked flame, any heat source or smoking during use of some head lice treatment products could cause serious injury.

ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS

The HPRA advises that users:

1. Read the information provided with the product prior to use.
2. Ensure you are aware of all warnings on these products.
3. Keep away from naked flames, sources of heat and do not smoke when using these products.
4. Please pass this notice on to all those who need to be aware within your organisation and to any organisation/persons where these products are used.
5. Report any adverse events/incidents associated with these products to the relevant manufacturer and the HPRA.

TARGET GROUPS

A&E Departments Carers Community Pharmacists Dermatology Units General Practitioners Hospital Managers / CEOs Hospital Pharmacists	Members of the Public Nursing Managers Nursing Staff Purchasing Managers Risk Managers Schools
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BACKGROUND

The HPRA is aware of serious incidents relating to the use of certain head lice treatment products and is concerned that there may be a lack of awareness of the risk of fire associated with certain products.

Parents, carers and all users are advised to carefully read the information provided with the product and the associated warnings prior to use, and to only use the product as recommended.

The HPRA is issuing this safety notice to raise awareness of the risk of fire associated with some head lice treatment products.

MANUFACTURER CONTACT INFORMATION

Enquiries to the **manufacturer** should be addressed to the contact details found on the device labelling / instructions for use.

HPRA CONTACT INFORMATION

All **adverse incidents** relating to a medical device should be reported to:

Health Products Regulatory Authority	Telephone:	+353-1-6764971
Kevin O'Malley House	Fax:	+353-1-6344033
Earlsfort Centre	E-mail:	devicesafety@hpra.ie
Earlsfort Terrace	Website:	www.hpra.ie
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