

## Attention Parents

### Safety advice when using emollients

Please follow this general safety advice when using emollients:

- **Keep away from fire, flames and cigarettes when using all types of emollients (both paraffin-based and paraffin-free).** Dressings, clothing and bedding that have been in contact with an emollient can easily catch fire. Washing fabrics at high temperatures may reduce the build-up of emollients but does not remove it entirely.
- **Use a clean spoon or spatula to remove emollients from a pot or tub.** This reduces the risk of infections from contaminated pots.
- **Be careful not to slip when using emollients in a bath or shower, or on a tiled floor.** Protect the floor with a non-slip mat, towel or sheet. Wear protective gloves, wash your bath or shower afterwards with hot water and washing up liquid, then dry with a kitchen towel.

**Be careful when using aqueous cream.** It can cause burning, stinging, itching and redness for some people, especially children with atopic eczema.