

Sanitising Hand Wash Solutions

Sanitising hand wash solutions are available in a variety of different products and container sizes. Some sanitising solutions and sanitising soaps will require the use of running water and drying facilities. Alternately, alcohol-based gels can be used without the need for running water or drying facilities. Use of alcohol-based products is not recommended when hands are dirty or visibly soiled.

Schools may consider using alcohol-based hand wash solutions in areas of your school where hand washing facilities are not readily available. As this product is alcohol-based and highly flammable, schools should ensure adequate supervision when used with students and appropriate storage when not in use.



Safe Use of Alcohol-based Hand Gel

Considering the following issues before use:

- Solutions are to be used to clean hands – not for cleaning surfaces or equipment.
- Keep out of the reach of children when not in use.
- Store the solutions in a cool, dry place out of the reach of children.
- Do not store near sources of ignition (eg. flame or heating element) and avoid generating sparks in the area.
- Do not store large quantities of containers in any one storage location – distribute across your school.
- Avoid contact with the eyes - if there is contact with eyes, rinse for at least 15 mins and contact a health care professional.
- Avoid contact with mouth - if swallowing occurs, contact the Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 or a health care professional immediately.
- Avoid breathing vapours from the solutions - if there is excessive exposure to vapours remove person to fresh air and contact a health care professional.
- Be familiar with the health information on the label of the container or the Material Safety Data Sheet (if available) for particular safety requirements.

Note that for some people, alcohol-based solutions and gel may cause dryness and/or moderate irritation to the skin. Should these symptoms occur individuals should discontinue use.