

HAND SANITIZER SAFETY



WHAT IS HAND SANITIZER

Hand sanitizers are regulated as over-the-counter (non-prescription) drugs by the FDA. If soap and water are not available, the CDC recommends that consumers use alcohol-based hand sanitizers containing at least 60% alcohol.

DANGERS OF HAND SANITIZER

Some children may be attracted to the pleasant smell or colorful bottles. Drinking hand sanitizer is dangerous and can cause alcohol poisoning in children. Intentionally inhaling hand sanitizer is also dangerous and can affect brain development, and cause physical injury to your internal organs.



PROPER USE

The alcohol in hand sanitizer works best when you rub hand sanitizer all over your hands. Do not wipe or rinse off the hand sanitizer before it is dry. Do not use hand sanitizer if your hands are visibly dirty or greasy; wash your hands with soap and water instead. Store hand sanitizer out of the reach of pets and children, and children should use it only with adult supervision.

REMINDER

Use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not easily accessible. Use hand sanitizer only as directed on the container and as the CDC recommends. Hand sanitizer is not to be used for consumption or inhalation.



RESOURCES

THE MICHIGAN POISON CONTROL CENTER

Call 1-800-222-1222 for free expert poison help 24/7

CENTERS FOR DISEASE AND CONTROL PREVENTION

Visit [cdc.gov/handwashing/hand-sanitizer-use.html](https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/hand-sanitizer-use.html)

U.S FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Visit www.fda.gov/handsanitizerlist.

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