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|   | **Risk Assessment Management Plan – Paraffin Based Topical Creams** |

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| **RISK ASSESSMENT** |
| **Name** |  | **Ref/Room Number** |  |
| **Identified Risk** | Risk of fire from paraffin based topical creams |
| **Assessment Date** |  |
| **Risk Factors** | **Likelihood** | **Severity** |
| Rare | 1 | None / Trivial | 1 |
| Unlikely | 2 | Minor / No Injury | 2 |
| Likely | 3 | Moderate / First Aid | 3 |
| Very Likely | 4 | Severe / Medical assistance | 4 |
| Almost Certain | 5 | Extreme / Fatal | 5 |
| **Risk Matrix** | **=** | **Severity** |
| **Likelihood** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** |
| **1** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | **5** |
| **2** | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 |
| **3** | 3 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 15 |
| **4** | 4 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 20 |
| **5** | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 |
| **Risk Level and Action** | **Level** | **Action** |
| 1 – 4 | NO CURRENT RISK | No further action, but ensure controls are maintained and monitored |
| 5 – 9 | LOW RISK | Develop management plan and review quarterly |
| 10 – 16 | MEDIUM RISK | Develop management plan and review monthly |
| 16+ | HIGH RISK | Develop management plan and review subject to each occurrence |
| **Assessment Summary (including any individual preferences and choices relating to this risk management plan)**  |  |
| **Author(/s)** | **Print Name** | **Position / Relation** | **Signature** |
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| **RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN** |
| **Name of product:** |  |  |  |
| **Areas where in place** |  |  |  |
| **Purpose** | The purpose of this risk management plan is to identify the flammable risk of paraffin based topical creams used in the home.  |
| **Proactive Measures** | **The following risks must be considered when using paraffin based topical creams in the home.*** **A build up of residue on clothing, bedding and equipment can become an accelerant in the case of fire.**
* **Risk of fire if paraffin based creams are in use and to avoid heat, flames and other sources of ignition.**
* **Staff need to be aware of a possible build-up of residue on clothing and bedding.**
* **All staff to be aware of contents and risk of fire and not to smoke or use near naked flames.**
* **Creams must be stored below 25 degrees C and stored away from naked flames.**

**Usage:**Have the manufactures instructions available to read.Make sure all visitors to the home are aware of the flammable properties of the topical creams.Apply the creams in appropriate quantities as prescribed and noted on the topical cream instruction chart.Keep away from naked flames.Change clothing and bedding on a regular basis and wash at an appropriate temperature to reduce the emollient build up.Wash the bed frame and other equipment used by the service user such as wheelchair and armchair to try to reduce the emollient build-up.Moving and handing slings used must be washed daily.For service users who smoke, it is suggested that a “fire retardant apron” is available for use, and make sure any service user who smokes is informed of the risk and communication to be recorded in the care plan. Care plans must include details of flammable creams for staff awareness.Request a low paraffin contact cream if possible. Do not apply paraffin based creams to large area of the body.  Do not apply or 100 g or more at once or over short periods time. MCA / BI in place as appropriate**Disposal:**Wash out the cream container if possible, using plenty of water. Do not store any other material in the empty container. Ensure any tubes of cream are empty and have the top in place before disposal. When stored properly and used as directed, and full staff awareness of the flammability risk, the likelihood of experiencing a fire associated with paraffin based creams is low.To be reviewed on a regular basis and amended as appropriate.  |
|  **Comments/Input**  |  |
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| **Cosignatories** **(Staff Team)** | **Print Name** | **Position / Relation** | **Signature** |
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|  | **RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW**  |  |
| **Date** | **Notes** | **Name & Signature** |
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