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**What is in it:** Product may contain aluminum salts. Sticks, sprays and liquids may also contain ethanol (alcohol).

**Is it toxic?** Low order of toxicity, particularly given the amount that would be ingested.

### Health Effects:

**Eyes:** May cause irritation but serious injury is unlikely.

**Skin:** May cause skin irritation

**Ingestion:** May cause irritation to mouth and throat. Nausea and vomiting may be seen with large ingestion. Waxy products (sticks) may cause diarrhea.

### What to do:

**Eyes:** Rinse eyes with lukewarm water with one of the following methods:

- Pour a gentle stream of water from a jug or clean teapot over the eye from the inside corner by the nose, across the eye, flowing out towards the ear.
- Submerge eye in a container (bowl, sink) of lukewarm water. Have patient open and close eye.
- Eye may be irrigated in the shower if this can be accomplished without delay.
- Young children may be wrapped like a mummy in a towel with arms at side and held over sink or tub or laid on counter during flushing.

**Skin:** Wash skin thoroughly with warm water and soap.

**Ingestion:** Rinse out mouth and drink a small glass of water or milk.

**Do not induce vomiting. If symptoms persist after the above first aid measures contact the Poison Control Centre.**

**How can I prevent exposure?** Return to safe storage immediately after use. Never leave children alone with household products.

**Need more Information:** Call the Poison Control Centre.

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