

BE AWARE! Alcohol-based Hand Sanitisers

An external incident has highlighted that there could be increased risks when keeping bottles of hand sanitiser in your vehicles.



A bottle of hand sanitiser was removed from a sealed compartment into the central cup holder, along with some small change. When the individual shortly returned to use his car there was a small fire. Thankfully nobody was hurt and he was able to put the fire out himself. If he had left the car for longer the situation could have been much worse.

Whilst the exact cause of the fire cannot be confirmed, it is believed that the hand sanitiser in direct sunlight may have contributed.

Please do not keep bottles of hand sanitiser in the open in your vehicles.

Ensure if you do keep a bottle of hand sanitiser in your vehicle that it is kept in the glove box out of direct sunlight, or better still, remove from your vehicle.

In another hand sanitised incident, a person has suffered serious burns after using alcohol based hand sanitiser.

After using the hand sanitiser he immediately went out for a cigarette and as it was windy, he held his hand up to light it. His hand burst into flames.



Ensure alcohol based sanitisers are completely rubbed in.

Make sure it has evaporated completely before going near or using naked flames.

In preference to hand sanitiser, wash your hands with soap and water if possible.

