

# TIPS ABOUT INSECT REPELLANTS

**Adults** should **apply** insect repellent to **children**. **Never** spray the product directly onto the **face**. Spray some in your hands and spread it onto their faces, avoiding the eyes and mouth. **Wash hands after use.**



Read the **product label** **BEFORE** use and **follow** the **directions**.

Do **not spray** the skin **under your clothing** and if a **sunscreen** is being used it should be applied **20 min prior** to the insect repellent.



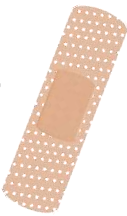
Repellents should contain **no more than 30% DEET** when used on children.



Do **not** use on babies under **2 months of age**. Dress them in clothing that **covers** the **arms and legs**. Cribs or strollers should be **covered** with **mosquito netting**.



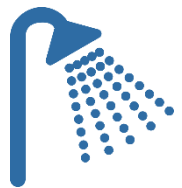
Do **not apply** insect repellent **over** cuts, wounds, rashes or irritated skin.



Do not apply to children's hands, since they may put their hands in their mouths



Do **not** use insect repellent spray **indoors**. Use in an **open area** to limit how much of the spray is **inhaled**.



Take a **bath** or **shower** using soap & water after use. **Launder clothing** before it is worn again.

**DEET 10%**

**2 hours of protection**

**Re-apply as needed according to the directions on the label.** A good rule of thumb is that a **DEET 10%** product provides about **2 hours** of protection.



Consider purchasing clothing that is **treated** with **permethrin** or **treat clothing** and gear yourself with an appropriate permethrin product. The treated clothing **remains protective** against bites after **multiple washings**, see product label for specific information. Follow the product directions, **do not use permethrin products** intended for use on clothing directly **on the skin**.



If you have any questions about how to prevent poisonings, or if you or someone you know suspects poisoning, call the **Missouri Poison Center** at **1-800-222-1222**. Experts are available 24/7/365.