

Alcohol Based Hand Sanitiser Safety Alert

What happened?

A supply chain partner of Highways England has recently shared this safety alert regarding the potential risks of alcohol-based hand sanitiser.

“A Gassco employee used alcohol-based hand sanitiser as recommended during the Corona pandemic. The person touched a metal surface before the liquid evaporated. Due to static electricity, the vapour from the hand sanitiser ignited with an almost invisible flame on both hands. The person quickly managed to get to a sink to extinguish the flames”.



Stay Safe.



Photograph showing burns

Actions required

1. Everyone should wash their hands with soap and water if possible.
2. If alcohol-based hand sanitisers are used, make sure all liquid is evaporated before touching any surfaces.
3. Look to see if there are any hazardous substance signs on your hand sanitiser bottle if your unsure on its contents.