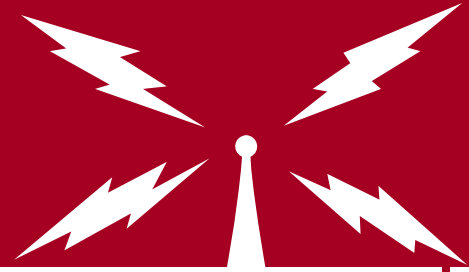


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## UTAH POISON CONTROL CENTER UPDATE

### HAND SANITIZER ALERT

Recent media coverage has drawn attention to the high concentrations of ethanol in hand sanitizers. Email hoaxes have surfaced suggesting children may get drunk from licking their hands after application. This is not true. However, common hand sanitizers contain ethanol in concentrations greater than strong alcoholic beverages. The following are important notes about hand sanitizers:



- Hand sanitizers are effective means to reduce illnesses when used according to the directions.
- A lick or a taste of a hand sanitizer gel is not likely to produce any adverse effect.
- Keep hand sanitizer gel and other ethanol containing products (mouthwash, perfumes, body splashes, hairspray) out of reach of small children.
- Supervise the use of hand sanitizer gel.
- Older children may attempt to abuse products containing ethanol like hand sanitizer gels.
- Call the Utah Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222 if you have any concerns.

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