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Public Health Advisory

Recall of certain hand sanitizers that may pose health risks

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Nunavut-wide

The Department of Health is warning about the recall of certain hand sanitizers that may pose health risks because they contain industrial-grade ethanol that has not been authorized for use in hand sanitizers in Canada.

Health Canada has recalled the following hand sanitizer products.

- Eltraderm Hand Sanitizer - 70% Ethyl Alcohol, made by Eltraderm Limited
- Hand Sanitizer, made by Contract Packaging Distributions Inc.
- Gel 700 Hand Sanitizer, made by Nature's Own Cosmetic Company Inc.
- Sanilabs Hand Sanitizer 70% Ethanol, made by Sanilabs Inc.
- Walker Emulsions Hand Sanitizer, made by Walker Emulsions Ltd.
- Hand Sanitizer Désinfectant pour les mains, made by Walker Emulsions Ltd.

Health Canada has advised that anyone with these products in their home stop using them immediately. Consult with your healthcare professional if you have used any of these products and are experiencing health concerns. Frequent use of these products may lead to dry skin, causing irritation or cracking.

Health Canada has released a full list of approved hand sanitizers that are safe for everyday use.

All Nunavummiut are still encouraged to wash their hands frequently with soap and hot water for 20 seconds to help protect against the spread of COVID-19.

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