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Natural insect repellents

Buying a safe and effective product

There are a range of natural insect repellents available on the market for personal use including lotions, wrist bands, body sprays, candles, coils, wipes, wear-on stickers and roll-ons.

While plant-based repellents might seem safer than traditional 'chemical' products, this is not always the case, and they may not provide the required level of protection from insects and the diseases they carry.

If you're buying a natural insect repellent, make sure it's approved by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA).

Buying an APVMA approved product will help keep you and your family safe. Products approved by the APVMA have been scientifically assessed as safe and effective when used according to the label instructions.

There are a number of approved plant-based natural insect repellents on our database:
portal.apvma.gov.au/pubcris



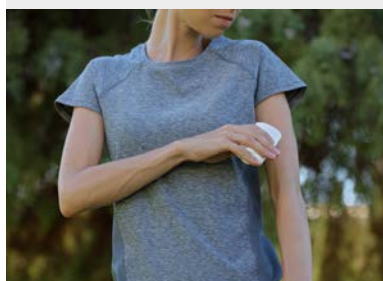
Simple actions to ensure you buy a safe and effective product:

- Check the product for an APVMA or NRA approval number
- Search the APVMA registered chemical database for approved insect repellents
portal.apvma.gov.au/pubcris
- Be aware that products for sale in other countries are not always legal to sell or use in Australia
- If you're not sure about a natural insect repellent, contact the APVMA.

What can I do if I've bought a suspicious or unregistered product?

It is illegal to advertise or sell unregistered insect repellents in Australia.

Report suspicious or unregistered products to the APVMA at compliance@apvma.gov.au or phone **1300 700 315**. Reports are treated confidentially and help ensure unsafe or ineffective products do not continue to be sold in Australia.



More information



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