



# HAND SANITISER

## FAQ's

### **1. Will using Scotts Hand Sanitiser help protect me from COVID-19?**

We refer you to the Department of Health's good hygiene protocols (see link below). These protocols say that everyone must practise good hygiene to protect against infection and prevent the virus spreading. The protocols also say that when you practise good hygiene you:

1. Cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow or a tissue
  2. Put used tissues straight into the bin
  3. Wash your hands often with soap and water, including before and after eating and after going to the toilet
- 4. Use alcohol-based hand sanitisers**
5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
  6. Clean and disinfect frequently used surfaces such as benchtops, desks and doorknobs
  7. Clean and disinfect frequently used objects such as mobile phones, keys, wallets and work passes
  8. Increase the amount of fresh air available by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

SOURCE: Australian Government Website - <https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others-from-coronavirus-covid-19/good-hygiene-for-coronavirus-covid-19>

### **2. Why should I use Scotts Hand Sanitiser?**

For good hygiene, it is recommended to use hand sanitiser when water and soap are not easily available ie, outside your home.

### **3. Is Scotts Hand Sanitiser effective?**

The effectiveness of an alcohol-based hand sanitiser depends on the amount of alcohol in the formulation. The TGA has stated that you should look for a formulation of at least 60% alcohol in hand sanitiser products. Scotts hand sanitisers contain at least 70% alcohol.

### **4. How do I use Scotts Hand Sanitiser?**

Dispense an adequate amount of Scotts Hand Sanitiser in your palm to cover all surfaces of the hands completely. Then rub hands together until dry, this should take approximately 15 seconds. Be certain to cover back of hands, in between fingers, and around fingernails.

### **5. How much hand sanitiser should be used per application?**

The answer to this question depends entirely upon the size of the hands. An adequate amount should be applied such that all surfaces of the hands are completely covered and remain wet for at least 15 seconds.

### **6. Is Scotts Hand Sanitiser flammable?**

Yes, Scotts Hand sanitiser is alcohol-based. Alcohol-based hand sanitisers are flammable and should be kept away from fire or flames.

### **7. Why does Scotts Hand Sanitiser contain Alcohol?**

Alcohol is a very common ingredient in hand sanitisers. Ethyl alcohol is one of the safest and most effective antiseptic ingredients and is commonly used in sanitisers. The Australian Government Health Department recently recommended that the general public use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser when soap and water are not available.

## **8. Does Scotts Hand Sanitisers kill germs persistently?**

No. The Scotts Hand Sanitiser is designed to kill germs instantly, but not persistently. We recommend you wash your hands regularly and use hand sanitiser often.

## **9. Can I use Hand Sanitiser Multiple times a day?**

Yes. It is critical to practice good hand hygiene at key moments, such as before eating, after using the bathroom and after touching objects that are frequently touched by others.

## **10. Does Scotts Hand Sanitiser really kill 99.9% of germs?**

Yes. Hand Sanitiser products are formulated and tested against a broad spectrum of micro-organisms and have resulted in more than 99.9% reduction of those organisms.

## **11. Will continual use of Scotts Hand Sanitiser dry out my hands?**

No. There is a misperception that the frequent use of alcohol-based hand sanitisers will dry out the skin on your hands. The truth is that formulation matters. Scotts Hand Sanitiser has been developed to be used repeatedly without damaging the skin.

## **12. What should I do if Scott's Hand Sanitiser is swallowed?**

Labels on all Scotts products provide instructions to follow in the event of ingestion. Label instructions state: "If swallowed, rinse mouth, DO NOT induce vomiting and seek medical advice".

## **13. Does Scotts Hand Sanitiser lead to resistant bacteria?**

The Scotts Hand Sanitiser product utilises ethanol (alcohol) as the active ingredient. The ethanol provides an instant germ kill without persistent activity. There is no evidence in research literature that organisms adapt and become immune to the alcohol-based hand sanitisers.