

Precautions To Take When Using Bug Repellents

Dos



Parents must apply the repellent to children



Apply the product to only the exposed skin



Wash off the product with soap and water after coming indoors



Use bug-repellent sprays to treat clothes and outdoor gear for optimum protection

Don'ts



Avoid application of the product to skin that is wounded, irritated, or sore



Do not apply on the face unless the repellent's package specifies it is safe



Avoid over-layering the product on the skin



Do not apply the product on palms to prevent accidental ingestion

References:

1. Mosquito Repellents: Types and Recommendations; Mississippi State Department of Health
2. Insect Repellents Fact Sheet; National Pesticide Information Center, Oregon State University Extension Services