

CITRONELLA CANDLES

ASSESSING RISKS TO HUMAN HEALTH

In studies using laboratory animals, Oil of Citronella shows little or no toxicity. The only concern is skin irritation. Because some products are applied to human skin, EPA requires proper precautionary labeling to help assure safe use. Therefore, if used according to label instructions, citronella is not expected to pose health risks to people, including children and other sensitive populations.

Oil of Citronella has been used extensively since 1948 without any reports of adverse effects of concern

ASSESSING RISKS TO THE ENVIRONMENT

Based on laboratory animal studies, Oil of Citronella poses minimal or no risks to wildlife. Because of the low toxicity and limited uses of Oil of Citronella, it is not harmful to the environment. No adverse effects are expected for use around the home.

Oil of Citronella is considered so unlikely to cause harmful effects that some citronella products are exempt from the usual regulation. However, registration is required for those products that do not meet the criteria for exemption (for instance, they contain other ingredients that EPA has not classified as minimal risk).

Never Leave Candles Unattended!

NEVER leave burning candles unattended! It's probably the most popular candle safety tip around, but I can't stress enough how important this is! Never, ever leave a candle burning when you go to bed or leave your home. Unattended candles are a major fire hazard.

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When using citronella candles outdoors to keep bugs away, be sure to place the holders/candles away from you, outside of the area you are sitting. Contrary to the popular belief that citronella repels bugs, the scent actually attracts bugs. You don't want to have the candles/holders close to you; you want them away from you so the bugs stay away. Remember, citronella candles should be used outdoors only.