



# Savlon® Burns & Scalds 0.25% w/w Cream

Chlorhexidine Gluconate

## Important information about Savlon® Burns & Scalds

- This medicine treats minor burns, cuts, blisters and infected cracked skin.
- It can be used by adults, the elderly and children.

### Do not use....

- In body cavities (e.g. mouth, vagina, inner ear).

### Now read the rest of the leaflet before you use this medicine. It includes other information which might be especially important for you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- Ask your pharmacist if you need any more information or advice.
- If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

## Adults, the elderly and children For general use

- Apply freely and smooth gently into the affected skin.

### For cuts, abrasions or burns

- Spread freely and if necessary cover with a dressing.

## If you swallow some

If you accidentally swallow some, see a doctor straight away. Take the pack with you to show which medicine you have swallowed.

## 4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, Savlon® Burns & Scalds can have side effects, although these don't affect everyone.

If you experience any of the following reactions **stop use** and get immediate medical help: Swelling of the face, lips, tongue and throat; wheezing or difficulty breathing; feeling faint and dizzy; a strange metallic taste in the mouth; collapse. You may be having an allergic reaction.

Other possible side effects, for which it is not known how often they occur, are:

- Allergic skin reactions such as dermatitis (inflammation of the skin), pruritus (itch), erythema (redness of the skin), eczema, rash, urticaria (hives), skin irritation and blisters.

## 1. What the medicine is for

Savlon® Burns & Scalds is a cream which contains chlorhexidine gluconate, an antibacterial agent. It can be used to treat minor burns and scalds, abrasions, scratches, sunburn blisters or infected cracked skin.

## 2. Before you use this medicine

### Talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse before using Savlon® Burns & Scalds.

## Do not take/use Savlon® Burns & Scalds ....

- If you are allergic (hypersensitive) to chlorhexidine gluconate or any of the other ingredients of Savlon® Burns & Scalds (see section 6).
- If you have an operation, as contact with the brain or spinal cord, and the middle ear should be avoided.

## Special warnings and precautions

Savlon® Burns & Scalds may in rare cases cause allergic reactions, leading to a drop in blood pressure and even to unconsciousness. Early symptoms of a severe allergic reaction may be a skin rash or asthma. If you notice these symptoms, stop using Savlon® Burns & Scalds and contact your doctor as soon as possible (see under section 4: Possible side effects).

- Avoid contact with the brain, meninges (the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord) and middle ear.

- Savlon® Burns & Scalds must not come into contact with the eye due to the risk of visual damage. If it comes into contact with the eyes, wash out immediately and thoroughly with water. In case of any irritation, redness or pain in the eye, or visual disturbance, ask for medical advice promptly.

Serious cases of persistent corneal injury (injury to the surface of the eye) potentially requiring corneal transplant have been reported when similar products have accidentally come into contact with the eye during surgical procedures in patients under general anaesthesia (deep painless sleep).

## Pregnant or breastfeeding....

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before using this medicine if you are pregnant, might be pregnant or are breastfeeding.

## Important information about some of the ingredients

- This product contains cetostearyl alcohol which may cause local skin reactions (e.g. contact dermatitis).

## 3. How to use this medicine

Apply it to the skin as needed.

- Avoid contact with the eyes.
- Do not use in body cavities (e.g. mouth, vagina, inner ear).

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- Corneal injury (injury to the surface of the eye), and permanent eye damage including permanent visual impairment (following accidental ocular exposure during head, face and neck surgical procedures) in patients under general anaesthesia (deep painless sleep).

If you notice any other side effect not included above, stop use and tell your doctor or pharmacist. They will tell you what to do.

### Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard). By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

## 5. Storing this medicine

- Keep it out of the sight and reach of children.
- There are no special conditions for storing this medicine.
- Do not use after the expiry date shown on the carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
- Medicine should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of any unused medicine. These measures will help to protect the environment.

## 6. Further information

### What is in this medicine

**The active ingredient is:** chlorhexidine gluconate 20% solution 1.25% v/w.

**The other ingredients are:** arlatone, cetostearyl alcohol, liquid paraffin, dimeticon 20, glycerol, quinoline yellow lake (E104) and purified water.

### What the medicine looks like

Savlon® Burns & Scalds is a pale yellow cream. It is supplied in 30g tubes.

### Marketing authorisation holder and manufacturer

Thornton and Ross Ltd., Huddersfield, HD7 5QH, UK.

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