



Edgewell's Approach to Fragrance Safety

What Are Fragrances?

Fragrances or aroma components have been used for mental, spiritual, and physical healing since the beginning of human history. In traditional and herbal medicine, essential oils and fragrance compounds have been used for the treatment of various psychological and physical disorders such as headaches, pain, insomnia, eczema, stress-induced anxiety, depression, and digestive problems. Fragrances also play a role in masking malodors to improve the feeling of cleanliness and enhance social experience.

In our products, fragrances are used to provide a pleasant odor and an enjoyable experience for the consumer. They can be extracted from natural ingredients (e.g., plants) or can be obtained by chemical synthesis. Fragrance materials can vary from simple to highly complex mixtures.

Fragrance Safety Standards

Fragrances used in Edgewell products adhere to the [International Fragrance Association \(IFRA\)](#) safety standards. Adherence to these safety standards allows consumers to have confidence regarding safe use of ingredients in fragrances used in Edgewell products.

IFRA limits or prohibits the use of fragrance ingredients based on findings from the [Research Institute of Fragrance Materials \(RIFM\)](#). RIFM is the international scientific authority for the safe use of fragrance ingredients. RIFM generates, evaluates, and distributes scientific data on the safety assessment of fragrance ingredients in personal care and household products. Their scientific findings are evaluated by an independent expert panel composed of dermatologists, pathologists, toxicologists, respiratory, reproductive, and environmental scientists. The expert panel evaluates the safety of fragrance ingredients under conditions of intended use and publishes results in peer-reviewed scientific journals. The decisions of the expert panel regarding restrictions of use become IFRA standards for industry.

How does Edgewell Assure Fragrance Safety?

Fragrances used in Edgewell products are developed by fragrance houses that comply with comprehensive Edgewell safety and regulatory standards. To assure fragrance safety, Edgewell provides suppliers with principles and standards required to be met during fragrance development. The requirements include but are not limited to compliance with IFRA code of practice and applicable regulations, restricted substances list, and ingredient maximum allowable levels. Moreover, Edgewell goes beyond compliance with IFRA standards and conducts additional safety assessments of fragrances using recognized state-of-the-science approaches for safety evaluation.