

## Allergy to Quaternium 15 (Dowicil<sup>®</sup> 200)

### What am I allergic to?

You have been found to be allergic to **Quaternium 15** (also known by the trade name **Dowicil<sup>®</sup> 200**).

### What is Quaternium 15?

Quaternium 15 is a preservative found in cosmetics, toiletries and some industrial products.

### What must I avoid?

You should avoid all products which contain Quaternium 15.

Check the ingredient label on the packet or bottle for **Quaternium 15** or **Dowicil<sup>®</sup> 200**. Avoid products that do not list all ingredients.

### Where can Quaternium 15 be found?

Quaternium 15 can be found in the following products:

#### → Toiletries:

- Quaternium 15 may be found in creams, lotions, shampoos, soaps and sometimes other skincare products. Wash-off cosmetics such as shampoos and soaps carry a low risk, but stay-on products (eg day creams or night creams) carry a higher risk

#### → Polishes and colours:

- Polishes and some water-based colours may contain Quaternium 15

#### → Industry:

- Quaternium 15 is also known as Dowicil<sup>®</sup> 200 and is used as a preservative in some water-soluble coolants, creams, etc

**Other Quaternium compounds with different numbers are usually different and generally not of concern.**

This list is not exhaustive.

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