

Harmful Handwashing: The Dangers of Antibacterial Soaps Written by Beth Corcoran, Contributing Writer

Soaps containing antibacterial chemicals got their start in hospitals and clinics. Those are both places where a sterile environment is necessary and much appreciated. It has only been in the recent years that these soaps have been marketed and sold to the household consumer.

Of course, antibacterial soaps have been desirable for other reasons than just making you smell like a hospital. **Consumers buy the products because they claim to be effective in killing up to 99.9% of the bacteria on your hands.** That is an attractive claim when you have lots of kids at home and illness is sweeping through your town.

Although there appears to be a benefit to buying antibacterial products, research is starting to show that these soaps may actually cause more harm than good.

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