



# What is Occupational Contact Dermatitis?

## Do you have it?

**Contact dermatitis** is a red, itchy rash caused by an allergic reaction to your skin after being exposed to a foreign substance. The most common causes include jewelry, gloves, perfumes, chemicals and soaps.<sup>1</sup>



**Irritant contact dermatitis** is the most common type. This occurs when foreign substances damage the surface area of the skin. The irritants can penetrate the outer layer causing inflammation.<sup>2</sup>



**Allergic contact dermatitis** occurs when a substance to which you're sensitive (allergen) triggers an immune reaction in your skin. It usually affects only the area that came into contact with the allergen.<sup>2</sup>

## IF YOUR SYMPTOMS ARE:

- Skin redness
- Burning skin
- Extreme itching
- Oozing blisters

### Allergic Contact Dermatitis

Allergic reactions can be triggered by exposure to the synthetic chemical accelerators in the glove material.<sup>3</sup>

Chemical accelerators are added to the formulation during the manufacturing process.

According to one study, 80% of glove-associated allergic contact dermatitis is by chemical accelerators in gloves.<sup>5</sup>

In a study of patients with allergic contact dermatitis due to accelerators in rubber gloves, dermatitis cleared in a subset of patients for whom accelerator free gloves were provided.<sup>8</sup>

### Free your skin from accelerators

- SensiCare Free Nitrile Exam Gloves are made with a proprietary formulation, that removes common accelerators from the gloves.<sup>9</sup>
- They are the ideal solution for those suffering from these allergies and may help to reduce the risk of developing further allergies.



## IF YOUR SYMPTOMS ARE:

- Cracking skin
- Blistering
- Swelling
- Open sores

### Irritant Contact Dermatitis

The necessity to follow hand hygiene practices, including frequent washing and gelling, creates an endless wet-dry cycle that may lead to dry, irritated skin.<sup>4</sup>

In a recent study, 55% of nurses observed were diagnosed with irritant contact dermatitis.<sup>6</sup>

Skin irritation can contribute to lack of hand hygiene.<sup>7</sup>

Dry, cracked and irritated skin is not simply a vanity issue; it may impact morale and even job satisfaction.

### Restore and hydrate your skin:

- Restore Nitrile Exam Gloves are coated with a layer of proprietary blend colloidal oatmeal, which helps relieve minor skin irritation due to rashes and eczema.



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