



Public health advice for those who were in The Mill pub or Zizzi restaurant in Salisbury on Sunday 4th or Monday 5th March 2018

Background

You will be aware of recent events in the Salisbury area involving a nerve agent which has led to three people being admitted to hospital. We understand you may be concerned about possible health risks and this leaflet is designed to provide you with advice.

This precautionary advice is for those who visited The Mill pub in Salisbury between 13:30 hours on Sunday 4th March and closing time at 23:10 hours on Monday 5th March 2018 or the nearby Zizzi restaurant between 13:30 hours on Sunday 4th March and closing time at 21:00 hours on Monday 5th March 2018.

Risk to public health

Based on current evidence, the risk to the general public from this substance has not changed and remains low.

While there is no immediate health risk to anyone who may have been in either of these locations, it is possible, but unlikely, that any of the substance which has come into contact with clothing or belongings could still be present in minute amounts and therefore contaminate your skin. Over time, repeated skin contact with contaminated items may pose a small risk to health. This risk can be removed by taking the actions we are explaining in this leaflet.

You do not need to seek advice from a health professional unless you are experiencing symptoms.

We advise you take the following action

If you visited either of the two locations within the specified time frame you should:

- Wash the clothing that you were wearing in an ordinary washing machine using your regular detergent at the temperature recommended for the clothing
- Any items which cannot be washed, and which would normally be dry cleaned, should be put in two plastic bags tied at the top and stored safely in your own home. We are currently reviewing the best way of cleaning these clothes and will provide further advice on our website
- Wipe personal items such as phones, handbags and other electronic items with cleansing or baby wipes and dispose of the wipes in the bin (ordinary domestic waste disposal)



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- Other items such as jewellery and spectacles which cannot go in the washing machine or be cleaned with cleansing or baby wipes, should be hand washed with warm water and detergent and then rinsed with clean cold water

Please thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water after cleaning any items.

This precautionary advice is only for the clothes worn or items carried at the time of your visit to Zizzi restaurant or The Mill pub in Salisbury. It does not apply to the belongings or clothes of others that you may have come into contact with later – these items do not need to be cleaned.



Q&A

- 1. What should I do with the cloths and screen wipes used to clean any items?**
Place them in a plastic bag and put in the household bin (ordinary domestic waste).
- 2. I don't own a washing machine can I use a launderette?**
Yes.
- 3. What should I do if the clothes I was wearing are dry clean only clothing?**
Store these clothes in two plastic bags tied at the top safely in your own home. We are currently reviewing the best way of cleaning these clothes and will provide further advice on our website.
- 4. What should I do with my shoes?**
Shoes can initially be wiped clean with a damp cloth and subsequently dried or polished as normal. The cloth should be disposed of in a plastic bag in the household bin (ordinary domestic waste).
- 5. What should I do if I live in the same household as someone who was at the Zizzi restaurant or Mill pub**
These actions are only advised for individuals who were in Zizzi restaurant or The Mill Pub within the specified timeframes. The advice relates only to clothes they had on and the personal items they were carrying during the visit. The advice does not apply to members of the same household who did not visit in person, or their belongings.
- 6. Should I clean the whole house?**
No, additional specific cleaning is necessary only for clothes you were wearing or items you had with you when you visited Zizzi restaurant or The Mill pub within the specified timeframe.
- 7. What if I want to destroy my items?**
It should not be necessary to destroy items, the cleaning procedures outlined above should be sufficient to remove any substances. However, if you do wish to destroy your items, place them in two plastic bags tied at the top and dispose of them in the household bin.
- 8. Why are you only telling me this now?**
This is precautionary advice, the immediate risk to the wider public of direct injury has not changed and remains low, however there may be a very small health risk associated with repeated contact with items or belongings that may have been contaminated by this substance. The actions we advise are purely precautionary but will eliminate any possible risk.