# **Essential Oils Safety**

This playbook outlines the fundamental safety precautions for using essential oils. It includes guidance on proper dilution ratios, appropriate application methods, and the consideration of skin sensitivities.

#### Step 1: Research

Understand the specific properties of the essential oil you intend to use, including any potential side effects and contraindications.

#### Step 2: Dilution

Dilute the essential oil before application to minimize skin irritation. Follow dilution guidelines which typically suggest a concentration of 1-5% essential oil in a carrier oil.

### Step 3: Patch Test

Conduct a patch test by applying a small amount of diluted essential oil to a discrete area of skin to check for adverse reactions before widespread use.

# Step 4: Safe Application

Apply the essential oil using safe methods such as diffusion, inhalation, or topical application with appropriate carriers, avoiding sensitive areas like the eyes, ears, and mucous membranes.

#### Step 5: Monitor Effects

After application, observe for any signs of skin irritation or other negative responses. In case of any adverse effects, discontinue use immediately.

# **General Notes**

#### **Professional Advice**

Consult with a healthcare provider or a qualified aromatherapist, especially if you are pregnant, nursing, taking medication, or have a medical condition.

## **Quality Products**

Use high-quality, pure essential oils from reputable sources to ensure safety and efficacy.

#### Storage

Store essential oils away from direct sunlight and heat to maintain their efficacy and extend their shelf life.

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