

DEET 101



DEET was developed by the United States Army, following its experience of jungle warfare during World War II.

It entered military use in 1946 and civilian use in 1957. Its long history, combined with the fact that it is the most common active used in insect repellents, mean that it is well proven, well tested and highly effective.

Still, there are a few myths that surround DEET. We've compiled a list of facts and common myths to help you better understand it.



DEET is DDT- FALSE! DEET is NOT DDT!

They are totally different and are not related in any way.



DEET does not kill bugs

Correct. It just repels them – it is not an insecticide.



DEET has been used by over 8 billion people since introduction in 1956...

...so you could say it's well proven and tested.



DEET is not safe

DEET is safe for children over 3 months old.....Similarly Eucalyptus, Citronella and Tea Tree oil are not recommended for children under 3 YEARS old.



DEET is approved in all markets around the world...

...it's reaction rate is estimated to be 1 in 100 million people.



DEET is not considered to be a sensitizer...

...Both Tee Tree and Citronella oil are classified sensitizers.



DEET is recommended by...

- CDC (Centre for Disease Control and Prevention).
- NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health).
- AAP (American Academy of Pediatrics).
- The World Health Organization
- European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

- Prince Leopold Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium
- National Travel Health Network and Centre in the United Kingdom.
- Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Government of Hong Kong
- State and local health officials (eg doctors).

Want to find out more about DEET? Find studies and documentation at <http://www.bushman-repellent.com/deet-facts-information-myths.html>

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