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Consumer Health Products Canada comments on FDA notice of rare skin reaction associated with acetaminophen.

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Ottawa, Ontario, August 2, 2013 - Consumer Health Products Canada (CHP Canada), the leading Canadian trade association representing makers of over the counter (OTC) and natural health products (NHPs), responded today to the US Food and Drug Administration's consumer notice linking possible skin reactions to acetaminophen use in extremely rare cases.

"We agree with the FDA that this information about skin reactions should be viewed within the context of the millions who, over many generations, have benefitted from acetaminophen use," said CHP Canada Spokesperson Adam Kingsley, *"the FDA found a mere 107 cases of skin reactions to acetaminophen use in the last 40+ years. To put that in context, during the same period there have been billions of doses of acetaminophen used to relieve pain and fever."*

CHP Canada went on to state that in Canada the incidence of skin reactions to acetaminophen use is also very rare, however the consumer health products industry takes consumer safety very seriously and will be working closely with Health Canada to ensure the appropriate measures are taken to continue providing Canadians with safe and effective medicines.

"However rare they may be, given the events documented in the US we are encouraging Canadians who notice skin reactions to stop using their medications and immediately seek medical attention," stated Mr. Kingsley.

If Canadians have any questions or concerns about the medications they are taking, CHP Canada advises them to speak with a health care professional.

About CHP Canada

[CHP Canada](http://www.chpcanada.ca) is a 115 year-old trade association representing the consumer health products industry, including the manufacturers of natural health products and over-the-counter remedies.

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