## The Aroma Buzz

## 10 safety tips and precautions for using essential oils

- 1. Dilute essential oils appropriately before using them on the body.
- 2. Avoid contact with your eyes.
- 3. Do not ingest the essential oils.
- 4. Keep out of reach of children.
- Caution needs to be taken if you have a chronic health condition or you are pregnant.
  Seek clinical Aromatherapy advice.
- 6. Store essential oils with the lid on tight and in a cool dark place. This reduces degradation by air and light.
- 7. Essential oils have a shelf life and need to be avoided on the skin once expired.
- 8. Do not place essential oil bottles on wooden furniture as it can leave ring marks.
- 9. Some essential oils, such as bergamot, are photosensitive and are to be avoided if going out in sunlight.
- 10. If skin sensitivity occurs wash the area with soap and water, discontinue use and seek clinical Aromatherapy advice