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A right near-ring  $N$  is called strongly prime if for each  $0 \neq x \in N$  there exists a finite subset  $F$  (called an insulator of  $N$ ) such that  $aFx = 0$  implies  $x = 0$  for all  $x \in N$ . In this talk we will consider when the near-ring  $N_0(G)$  of zero-preserving continuous self-maps of a topological group  $G$  and its factor rings are strongly prime. We will investigate the strongly prime radical of  $N_0(G)$ . This is completely described when  $G = \mathbb{R}$ , but substantial difficulties are encountered with more general topological groups, even in the case  $G = \mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $n > 1$ . Some of the above results will also be extended to sandwich near-rings of continuous functions.