Western Australian Poisons Information Centre

Swallowed
Inhaled
In the Eye
On the Skin

Poisons in the Home
Check every room in your house for poisonous products

Install child resistant mechanisms on all doors where poisons or medicines are stored

Unpack shopping bags immediately and store all medicines and poisons in original containers out of sight and reach of children

Never take or give medicines in the dark.

Don’t take medications in front of children.

Don’t call medicines lollies and before administering any medication, read the label and use only as directed.

Return expired medicines, or ones that are no longer needed, to your local pharmacy for disposal.

Always tightly close and put away medicines and poisons after use.

Never transfer poisons to another container, especially drink or food containers.

Always store poisons away from food products.

When should you ring the Poisons Information Centre?

For up-to-date management advice.
When someone eats, drinks or inhales a suspected or known poison or gets a poison on the skin or in the eyes.

Even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning

When someone is bitten or stung by reptiles, spiders, insects or marine animals.
Common poisons that can be dangerous to children and adults include:

Medicines
- Prescription medicines, over-the-counter medicines, herbal and homoeopathic products.

Household products
- Cleaning products, including bleaches, detergents for the kitchen, bathroom and toilet.
- Health and beauty products, including nail polish and remover, hair dyes, mouthwash, toothpaste, deodorant, perfume and aftershave.
- All types of batteries, including button batteries
- Cigarettes

Garage/shed products
- Insecticides and herbicides, including insect sprays, rat and mouse baits and pellets and Weed Killers
- Handyman/building products, pool chemicals, fertilisers, paints and paint thinners, petrol, antifreeze and degreasers.

Plants
- Trees, flowers, berries, mushrooms and the sap of some plants.

In Case of Poisoning

Swallowed
Immediately rinse the mouth and call Poisons Information for further advice.
Do NOT induce vomiting.

Inhaled
Immediately get the patient to fresh air.
Loosen any tight clothing on neck.
Open doors and windows, if indoors.

In the Eye
Irrigate the eye, with a slow gentle stream of water from a jug or cup. Allow the stream to flow from the inner corner across the eye to the outer corner.
Call 13 11 26 for management advice.

On the Skin
Remove contaminated clothing and flood the skin with water.
Wash gently with soap and water then rinse with water.

Bites and Stings
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24 hours per day