

Remember, too, that even non-poisonous plants can be harmful. A child can choke on a plant part. A small child can also put leaf and stem parts or berries into his eyes, ears, or nose and require medical attention.

If you suspect an accidental poisoning from any harmful product, the following will tell you what to do.

How To Handle A Suspected Poisoning

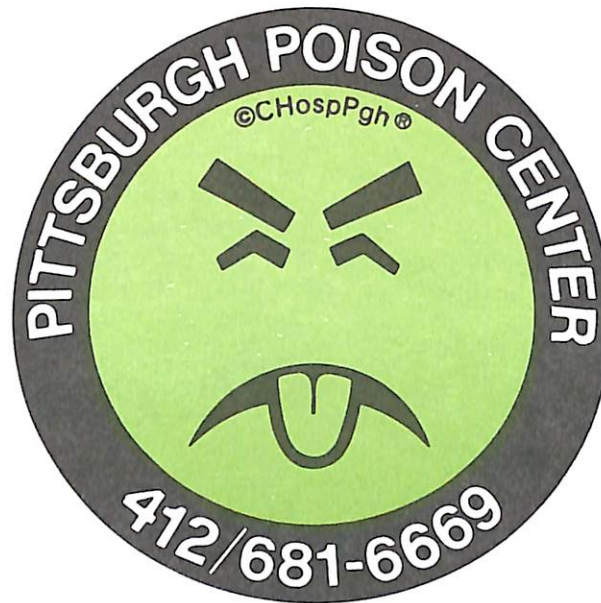
1. Determine material ingested (have container or sample at hand), time of exposure, amount of material ingested, symptoms and age. Call The Pittsburgh Poison Center (412) 681-6669. Proceed exactly as instructed.
2. If directed to use syrup of ipecac by the Poison Center, the usual oral dose is 1 tablespoon (15ml) for under age 12 months and 2 tablespoons (30ml) for 12 months or older. It is followed by one or two glasses of water. Stay to assist, as this product causes the victim to throw up the ingested material, usually within 20 minutes. Do not use ipecac unless person is alert and do not use for corrosive or hydrocarbon ingestions (such as acid, lye, turpentine, gasoline).
3. The Poison Center should also be called for inhaled, absorbed (through the skin), or injected poisons, and eye exposures to poisons.
4. Arrange for transportation to hospital if indicated by the Pittsburgh Poison Center.
5. Bring poison container or sample, entire plant or mushroom (in paper bag) with person to emergency care setting.
6. Common mistakes: Do not rely on first aid information on product labels. They are sometimes wrong or out of date and may add to the damage.

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These plants represent the most commonly reported exposures. They are, by no means, all poisonous. Some of these plants have parts that are not poisonous. If you have questions about common indoor and outdoor plants, please call the Pittsburgh Poison Center at (412) 681-6669.

Philodendron	African Violet
Dumbcane	Yew
Poinsettia	Spathiphyllum, Spathe Flower
Jade Plant	Pokeweed, Pokeberry
Holly	Nightshade, Bittersweet
Pepper	Weeping Fig Tree
Schefflera	Rhododendron, Azalea
Poison Ivy	Rubber Plant
Pothos, Devil's Ivy	Begonia
Firethorn	Chrysanthemum

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POISONING
CALL:**



Emergency Information

DOCTOR

HOSPITAL

PHARMACIST

AMBULANCE

POLICE-FIRE

Children's Hospital & Thrift Drug



POISONOUS PLANTS

Most people don't think a plant can harm them or a child. After all, plants add beauty and color to our homes, gardens and back yards. Nothing harmful about that. Not until an infant or toddler begins touching and tasting the plant, and maybe putting plant parts in his mouth.

Household plants account for over 100,000 poison exposures each year. Toddlers just eat whatever they find, and bright leaves are especially appealing. So are berries.

COMMON POISONOUS PLANTS

PLANT NAME

TOXIC PART

GARDEN

Aconite, Monkshood, Wolfbane [<i>Aconitum</i> species]	all parts
Apple [<i>Malus</i> species]	seeds in quantity
Autumn Crocus, Meadow Saffron [<i>Colchicum autumnale</i> L.]	all parts
Azalea, Rhododendron [<i>Rhododendron</i> species]	all parts
Bittersweet, Nightshade [<i>Solanum dulcamara</i> L.]	stems, leaves, berries
Bleeding Heart [<i>Dicentra</i> species]	all parts
Carnation [<i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i> L.]	all parts
Castor Bean [<i>Ricinus</i> species]	foliage, seeds
Corn Poppy, Red Poppy, Field Poppy [<i>Papaver rhoeas</i> L.]	all parts
Delphinium, Larkspur [<i>Delphinium</i> species]	all parts, esp. seeds
English Holly [<i>Ilex aquifolium</i> L.]	berries
English Ivy [<i>Hedera helix</i> L.]	leaves, berries
European Spindle-Tree [<i>Euonymus europaeus</i> L.]	bark, leaves, fruits, seeds
Foxglove, Digitalis [<i>Digitalis purpurea</i> L.]	all parts
Heavenly Blue Morning Glory [<i>Ipomoea tricolor</i> Cav.]	stems, leaves, seeds
Hellebore, Christmas Rose [<i>Helleborus niger</i> L.]	all parts
Hyacinth [<i>Hyacinthus</i> species]	all parts, esp. bulbs
Hydrangea, Hortensia [<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> (Thunb.) Ser.]	leaves, flower buds
Iris [<i>Iris</i> species]	underground stems, leaves
Japanese Wisteria [<i>Wisteria floribunda</i> (Willd.) DC.]	all parts, esp. seeds
Jerusalem Cherry [<i>Solanum pseudocapsicum</i> L.]	leaves, berries
Lantana [<i>Lantana camara</i> L.]	young berries
Leather Flower, Virgins Bower [<i>Clematis</i> species]	all parts
Lily-of-the-Valley [<i>Convallaria majalis</i> L.]	all parts
Narcissus, Daffodil, Jonquil [<i>Narcissus</i> species]	all parts, esp. bulbs
Opium Poppy [<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L.]	all parts, esp. fruits
Primrose, European Cowslip [<i>Primula veris</i> L.]	stems, leaves
Privet [<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i> L.]	all parts
Rhubarb [<i>Rheum raphaniticum</i> L.]	leaves
Star-of-Bethlehem [<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i> L.]	all parts, esp. bulbs
Sweet Pea [<i>Lathyrus odoratus</i> L.]	foliage, seeds in quantity
Tomato [<i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i> L.]	stems, leaves, vines
Yew [<i>Taxus</i> species]	all parts

HOUSE

Cyclamen [<i>Cyclamen</i> species]	roots
Dumbcane [<i>Dieffenbachia</i> species]	all parts
European Mistletoe [<i>Viscum album</i> L.]	stems, leaves, esp. berries
Oleander, Rosebay [<i>Nerium oleander</i> L.]	all parts, incl. smoke
Philodendron [<i>Philodendron</i> species]	all parts
Spathiphyllum, Spathe Flower [<i>Spathiphyllum</i> species]	all parts

PLANT NAME

TOXIC PART

FOREST and FIELD

American Mistletoe [<i>Phoradendron flavescens</i> (Pursh) Nutt.]	stems, leaves, esp. berries
Baneberry [<i>Actaea</i> species]	all parts, esp. roots, berries
Black Locust [<i>Robinia</i> species]	inner bark, foliage, seeds
Bracken Fern, Brake Fern [<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> (L.) Kuhn]	all parts
Butterfly Weed, Pleurisy Root [<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> L.]	all parts
Cardinal Flower [<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> L.]	all parts
Cherry Tree [<i>Prunus</i> species]	twigs, foliage, pits
Chinese Lantern, Ground Cherry [<i>Physalis</i> species]	leaves, unripe berries
Corn Cockle [<i>Agrostemma githago</i> L.]	all parts, esp. seeds
False Hellebore [<i>Veratrum viride</i> Ait.]	all parts
Green Dragon [<i>Arisaema draconitum</i> (L.) Schott]	all parts
Horse Chestnut, Buckeye [<i>Aesculus</i> species]	all parts
Jack-in-the-Pulpit [<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i> (L.) Schott]	all parts
Jimson Weed, Thornapple [<i>Datura stramonium</i> L.]	all parts, esp. leaves, seeds
Large Blue Lobelia [<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i> L.]	all parts
Marsh Marigold, Cowslip [<i>Caltha palustris</i> L.]	all parts
May Apple, American Mandrake [<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i> L.]	rootstocks, foliage, seeds
Milkweed [<i>Asclepias syriaca</i> L.]	all parts
Moonseed [<i>Menispermum canadense</i> L.]	all parts
Mountain Laurel [<i>Kalmia latifolia</i> L.]	roots, fruits
Oak Tree [<i>Quercus</i> species]	all parts
Pigweed, Redroot [<i>Amaranthus</i> species]	shoots, foliage, acorns
Poison Hemlock, Poison Parsley [<i>Conium maculatum</i> L.]	all parts
Pokeberry, Poke Salit, Pokeweed [<i>Phytolacca americana</i> L.]	all parts, esp. roots
Red Maple [<i>Acer rubrum</i> L.]	leaves
Scarlet Pimpernel [<i>Anagallis arvensis</i> L.]	all parts
Virginia Creeper [<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i> (L.) Planch.]	all parts
Water Hemlock, Cowbane [<i>Cicuta maculata</i> L.]	all parts
White Snakeroot [<i>Eupatorium rugosum</i> Houtt.]	all parts
White Wood Sorrel [<i>Oxalis acetosella</i> L.]	all parts

SKIN IRRITANTS

Poison Ivy [<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i> (L.) O. Kuntze]	all parts, incl. smoke
Poison Sumac [<i>Toxicodendron vernix</i> (L.) O. Kuntze]	all parts, incl. smoke
Stinging Nettle, Nettle [<i>Urtica dioica</i> L.]	all parts
Wild Ginger [<i>Asarum canadense</i> L.]	roots, leaves



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