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**TYGERBERG POISON
INFORMATION CENTRE**

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EARLY AND PRE-HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT CHART

Keep this chart handy so that you know what to do in the event of a poisoning. Contact the poison information centre and follow the treatment guidelines below.

ACETONE
BATTERY (BUTTON)
BENZINE
CAMPHORATED OIL
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE
DISINFECTANTS
PAINT (OIL)
NAIL POLISH REMOVER
METAL CLEANERS & POLISHES
INSECT REPELLENT
INSECTICIDES
LINIMENTS (E.G. WINTERGREEN)

FIRELIGHTERS
PARAFFIN
PAINT REMOVER (SOLVENT)
PESTICIDES
PETROL
SNAIL BAIT
THINNERS
TURPENTINE (MINERAL)
VARNISH

TREATMENT:

Do not make the person vomit. Do not give them anything to drink or eat.

AMMONIA
ACID
BATTERY ACID
BLEACH
CAUSTIC SODA
CEMENT
CHLORINE (FOR POOLS)
CONDY'S CRYSTALS
DETERGENTS
DISHWASHING LIQUIDS
DISHWASHING POWDER (AUTOMATIC)
DRAIN CLEANERS
DYES (FABRIC OR HAIR)
FABRIC SOFTENER

TREATMENT:

Do not make the person vomit. Small amounts of water may be given by mouth. Do not try to neutralize the poison.

FERTILISERS
FLUORIDE TABLETS (GIVE MILK)
HAIR COLOURANTS
HAIR PERMS, STRAIGHTENERS
HYDROCHLORIC ACID
HYDROGEN PEROXIDE
OVEN CLEANER
PAINT REMOVER (CAUSTIC)
TOILET CLEANERS
WASHING POWDER
WASHING SODA
WEEDKILLERS (HERBICIDES)
WINDOW (GLASS) CLEANERS
POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE

ALCOHOL
CALAMINE LOTION
COSMETICS
DEODORANTS
GLUE (CONTACT AND OTHER)
MERCUROCHROME
METHYLATED SPIRITS
PERFUMES
PLANTS
SHAMPOOS
SURGICAL SPIRITS
VITAMINS

TREATMENT:

Do not make the person vomit. Small amounts (half a cup) of water or milk may be given by mouth.

ASPIRIN
IRON TABLETS
MEDICINES
MOTHBALLS (NAPHTHALENE)
MUSHROOMS (POISONOUS)
PARACETAMOL
PILLS
RAT BAIT (E.G. RATTEX)
TABLETS
VITAMINS + IRON

TREATMENT:

Contact the Poison Centre and get the patient to a clinic or hospital as soon as possible.

Snake or spider bite, or scorpion sting: If possible, try to identify the cause and contact the poison information centre or get the patient to a clinic/hospital as soon as possible.

STORE ALL MEDICINES, HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS AND PESTICIDES OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN. If a poisonous substance comes into contact with the eyes, do not try to neutralize it, just rinse eyes gently with water for 15–20 minutes and get the person to the nearest clinic/hospital. If skin comes into contact with a poisonous substance, wash with soap and water. **Take the container and a sample of the medication or poison or plant or other biological specimen to the clinic or hospital with the patient.**