

"Natural" doesn't mean "safe"

Wild Mushrooms



There are two types of mushrooms growing in the wild: the edible ones and the toxic ones. It often takes a mycologist (mushroom expert) to tell them apart. Many people have accidentally been poisoned after they thought certain identification tips were fool-proof. Any person or pet that swallows part of a wild mushroom should be treated in a medical facility **BEFORE** signs of illness occur. Poison mushrooms can cause one or more of the following problems depending which type is eaten:

Fever	Hallucinations	Wheezing
Lung congestion	Inability to urinate	Hallucinations
Watery diarrhea	Seizures	Liver failure
Kidney failure	Bloody vomiting	Severe thirst
Muscle aches	Coma	Chest pain

Angel's Trumpet



These plants are the size of a bush or tree and produce large pastel-colored flowers that point down. The strength, or the amount of poison in each plant, varies according to its growing conditions. For instance well-cared-for plants may be more toxic than neglected ones or vice versa. Teens eat the flowers or boil the seeds to make tea. Signs of poisoning include:

Dilated pupils	Confusion	Dry, warm skin
Inability to urinate	Drowsiness	Fast heartbeat
Severe thirst	Constipation	Anxiety

*For more information or for medical advice, call
1-800-222-1222*

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