

# First Aid for Poisonings

Call the Poison Center today for further instructions!



## Poisons on the Skin

- ☑ Rinse well with water.
- ☑ Use a mild soap, if needed.
- ☑ Do not attempt to neutralize an acid substance with an alkali. It will cause burns.



## Poisons in the Eye

- ☑ Rinse for 15 minutes with a gentle stream of water over the eye(s).
- ☑ Do not use eye drops or ointment.



## Inhaled Poisons

- ☑ Get in the fresh air.
- ☑ If a person has fainted, has chest pain or difficulty breathing, call 911.



## Poisons in the Mouth

- ☑ Offer sips of water.
- ☑ Do not force a person to vomit.
- ☑ Brush out dry particles from the mouth, if possible.



## Syrup of Ipecac

This is a medicine used to make a poisoned victim vomit. *It is **not recommended** for every poisoning. Call the Poison Center before using!* Syrup of Ipecac is so seldom used that we no longer advise parents to keep it at home.

## Activated Charcoal

This medicine is used in hospitals to bind up some poisons and prevent absorption. *We currently do **not recommend** it for home use.*