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.

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