

POISONING AND OVERDOSE

Poisons can be swallowed, inhaled, absorbed through the skin or eyes, or injected. Call Poison Control when you suspect poisoning from:

- Medicines.
- Insect bites and stings.
- Snake bites.
- Plants.
- Chemicals/cleaners.
- Drugs/alcohol.
- Food poisoning.
- Inhalants.
- Or if you are not sure.

Possible warning signs of poisoning include:

- Pills, berries or unknown substance in student's mouth.
- Burns around mouth or on skin.
- Strange odor on breath.
- Sweating.
- Upset stomach or vomiting.
- Dizziness or fainting.
- Seizures or convulsions.

• Wear disposable gloves.
• Check student's mouth.
• Remove any remaining substance(s) from mouth.
• If there is a powder on the student, shake or brush it off, do not apply water.

If possible, find out:

- Age and weight of student.
- What the student swallowed.
- What type of "poison" it was.
- How much and when it was taken.

**CALL POISON CONTROL.
1-800-222-1222
Follow their directions.**

• Do not induce vomiting or give anything **UNLESS instructed by Poison Control.** With some poisons vomiting can cause greater damage.
• **Do NOT** follow the antidote label on the container, it may be incorrect.

• If student becomes unconscious, place on his/her side.
• Check airway.
• Look, listen and feel for breathing. If student stops breathing, start CPR.

CALL EMS/911
Contact responsible school authority & parent/guardian.

If possible, send some of the vomited material and ingested material with its container (if available) to the hospital with the student.

Document care provided.