

PREVENTION OF HOUSEHOLD POISONING



Household products that are used regularly, contain various chemicals which can lead to accidental poisoning.

Poisoning due to household products has increased during past few years.

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PLACES WHERE COMMON HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS ARE FOUND

Bed Room

- ❖ Perfumes, Lipstick, Cutex removers, Creams, Moth Balls

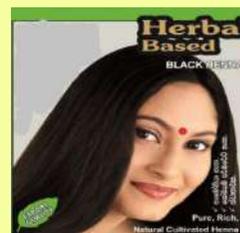


- ❖ Drugs, Balms



Bath Room

- ❖ Various types of mouth wash solutions, dyes, shampoos and conditioners,



- ❖ Detergents (floor, window and toilet cleaners)
- ❖ Washing powders, bleaching powders and various types of soap



Kitchen

- ❖ Floor and dish washing agents, Soap , matchsticks, kerosene, candles, rodenticides



Store Room

- ❖ Detergents
- ❖ Various types of polish products used on metal items, furniture and floor



❖ Various types of paints



- ❖ Paint removers- thinner, turpentine, kerosene, fertilizer, damaged CFL bulbs, various types of gum



- ❖ Pesticides used in home – insecticides, mosquito coils, rodenticides, weedicides



Garage

- ❖ Products used in vehicle cleaning
- ❖ Petrol, diesel, engine oil, brake oil, lubricants, battery acid



First aid in poisoning

Ingestion

- ❖ Do not give anything to drink
- ❖ Do not induce vomiting
- ❖ If the victim is drowsy or unconscious keep in left lateral position with elevated chin.



- ❖ Take the patients to the nearest hospital immediately.

Eye contact

- ❖ Rinse eyes with running water for 15-20 minutes.



- ❖ Do not apply any medicine or oil product to eyes
- ❖ If pain, redness or any visual abnormality take the patient immediately to the nearest hospital

Skin contact

- ❖ Remove Poison contaminated clothes immediately
- ❖ Wash exposed part with soap and running water for 15-20 minutes



- ❖ If redness, severe pain or blisters on the skin exist, take the patient immediately to the hospital

Inhalation

- ❖ Remove the victim from the area immediately and allow to breathe fresh air
- ❖ If difficulty in breathing persist, take the patient immediately to the hospital

Household poisoning is preventable Beware of your safety

Modes of Poisoning

- ❖ Ingestion
- ❖ Skin contact / Eye contact
- ❖ Inhalation

Clinical Features of Poisoning

- ❖ Nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain
- ❖ Burning sensation around lips and mouth
- ❖ Breathing difficulties
- ❖ Burning sensation of skin
- ❖ Redness, burning sensation and tearing of eyes
- ❖ Headache, fits and loss of consciousness



How to Prevent Poisoning?

- ❖ Close the containers tightly when not in use re- confirm that the containers are closed well.
- ❖ Keep chemical containers under lock and key in a place where children can't reach.
- ❖ Store poisonous products away from inflammable sources
- ❖ Do not use pesticides or chemical containers to store food items.
- ❖ Do not store chemicals, pesticides, Lubricants or drugs with food in the kitchen.

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