

Plants

It is common that children eat plants and in most cases it poses little or no risk. Two berries, no matter of what kind, is harmless. Read more about plants on our website.



Identification tip

Pictures of common plants and berries can be found on our website www.giftinformation.se

Mushrooms

Many mushrooms are harmless, but a few are very poisonous. If you suspect that your child has eaten a mushroom that might be poisonous -

Call the Poison Centre

Keep the mushroom in case it needs to be identified. Information about poisonous mushrooms in different languages can be downloaded from our website.



Adder bites

An adder bite can be dangerous. *Always seek medical attention.*



Call us if your child has been exposed by

- swallowing
 - inhalation
 - eye contact
 - skin contact
- to something that you think might be dangerous.



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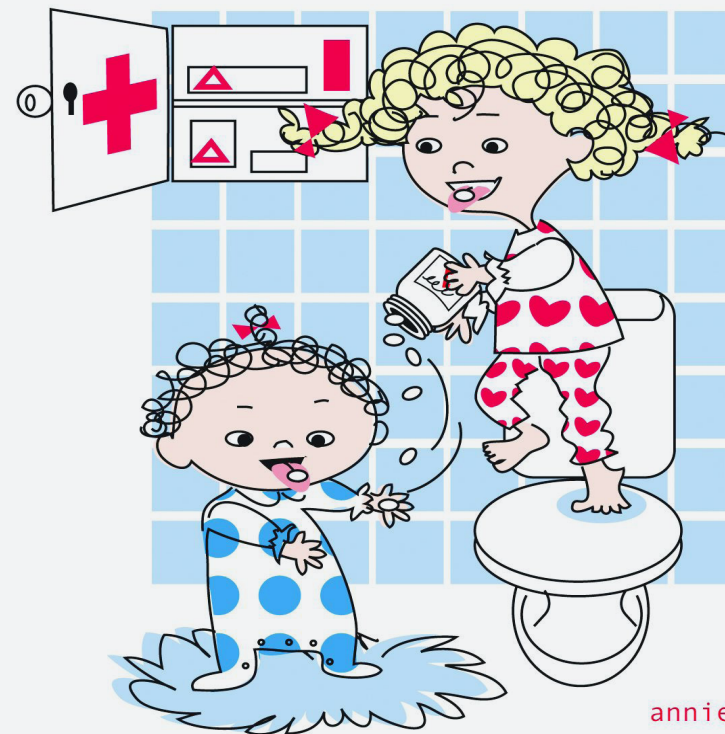
Answers enquiries about poisonings with chemicals, drugs, plants, mushrooms and poisonous animals.

Dial 112 – ask for Poison information day or night

Dial 010-456 6700 in less urgent cases

We are open all 24 hours of every day

For more information go to our website www.giftinformation.se

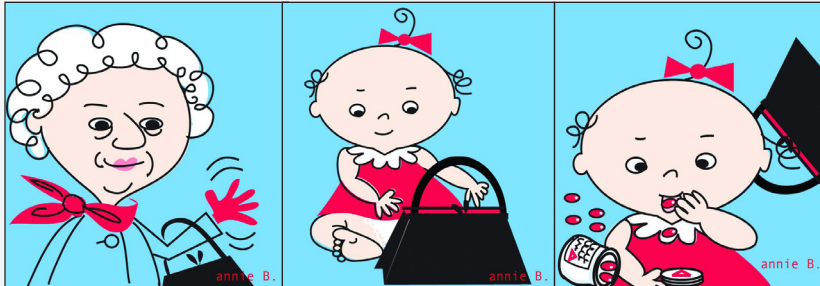


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Medicines

Accidents where children are exposed to medicines can happen despite precautionary attempts. The medicine bottle can be forgotten in plain sight when someone in the family is ill. You might give the wrong dose or the wrong medication to the child by mistake. Many drugs can be hazardous even in small doses.

Always call the Poison Centre if the child has swallowed a drug inadvertently or has been given the wrong dose.



Keep activated charcoal at home!

The charcoal binds to many substances and stops them being further absorbed into the body if given at an early stage.

In some cases you should not give charcoal, for example if the child is lethargic or has ingested something corrosive.

Activated charcoal is available in pharmacies.

Always contact the Poison Centre before you give the child activated charcoal.

Chemical products

Household chemical products are the most common cause of accidental poisoning among small children. Most of these accidents are usually harmless. If your child tastes small amounts of shampoo or detergent, it is often sufficient to give something to drink. However, some household products are hazardous even in small amounts.

Hazardous products and substances

- Drain cleaners and oven cleaners
- Petroleum products such as kerosene or paint thinners
- Button batteries
- Antifreeze
- Acetic acid

Should I induce vomiting?

Almost never! It is usually not needed and sometimes it can make matters worse, for example when something corrosive or a petroleum product has been swallowed.

Never induce vomiting without contacting the Poison Centre first!

