

# Poisoning & 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 substances 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

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

- Wear disposable gloves
- Check student's mouth
- Remove any remaining substance(s) from mouth

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

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 EMS 9-1-1**

Contact responsible school authority & parent or legal guardian

Send samples of the vomited material with it's container (if available) to the hospital with the student