

First Aid For Plant Exposures

The Illinois Poison Center's (IPC) toxic plant list is not to be used as a medical treatment guide. **Always** call the IPC at 1-800-222-1222 for treatment information when a poisoning occurs.

First aid for plant exposures:

If the victim is unconscious or not breathing, call 911. In all other poisoning situations, IMMEDIATELY CALL THE ILLINOIS POISON CENTER AT 1-800-222-1222.

Follow these first-aid steps, as instructed by IPC staff, in case of an exposure to a toxic plant:

Mouth:

Remove any plant parts from the victim's mouth. Give the victim a small amount of water to drink.

Skin:

Wash any skin exposed to the plant with soap and water right away. Remove any clothing that had been in contact with the plant.

Eyes:

Rinse eyes with water for 15 minutes.

What about pets?

For help with pet poisonings, contact the National Animal Poison Control Center at 1-888-426-4435. (Note: there is a charge for their services.)