

# POISONS, OVERDOSES & ANTIDOTES

Speed is the most important factor in saving lives and preventing permanent damage in cases of poisoning or overdosing. *In all cases of poisoning or overdosing:*

1. Call a physician immediately.
2. If a physician isn't available call a hospital, the police department, or poison control center if there is one in your community.
3. Keep the victim warm.
4. If the victim is unconscious, do not give liquids.
5. If the victim is unconscious or having convulsions, do not induce vomiting.
6. Save the bottle or container from which the poison came.
7. Keep the following list of poisons and antidotes in a handy place, and apply the suggested antidotes.

## OVERDOSE

## ANTIDOTE

Acids	Give a large quantity of water, 2 tablespoons of milk of magnesia or similar antacid. Do not induce vomiting.
After-Shave Lotion	Give a glass of milk, induce vomiting (as with Camphor) and give 2 teaspoons of bicarbonate of soda in a glass of water.
Camphor	Induce vomiting with finger in throat, or 1 tablespoon of syrup of ipecac, followed by a glass of water, or a teaspoonful of mustard in a half glass of water.
Carbon Monoxide	Carry victim into fresh air, lie victim down and give artificial respiration, if necessary.
Chlorine Bleach	Give one or two glasses of milk
Cologne, Perfume	Use same remedy as for After-Shave Lotion.
Detergents	Use same remedy as for Chlorine Bleach.
Disinfectant with chlorine	Use same remedy as for Chlorine Bleach.
Disinfectant with Carbolic Acid	Induce vomiting (as with Camphor), then give 4 tablespoons of castor oil and a glass of milk or the white of 2 raw eggs.
Food Poisoning	Induce vomiting (as with Camphor), then give 2 tablespoons of Epsom salt in 2 glasses of water, except in cases with severe diarrhea.
Furniture Polish	Give water or milk, then 4 tablespoons of vegetable oil. Do not induce vomiting.
Gasoline, Kerosene Household Ammonia	Use same remedy as for Furniture Polish. Give 2 tablespoons of vinegar in 2 glasses of water. Give the white of 2 raw eggs or 2 ounces of vegetable oil, do not induce vomiting.
Insect & Rat Poisons with Arsenic	Give glass of milk or 1 tablespoon of activated charcoal mixed with water, induce vomiting (as with Camphor), but not with syrup of ipecac if charcoal was given.
Insect & Rat Poisons with Sodium Fluoride	Give glass of milk or lime water, induce vomiting (as with Camphor.)
Insect & Rat Poisons with Phosphorous	Induce vomiting (as with Camphor) but don't let vomit come in contact with victim's skin or yours. Then give 4 oz. of mineral oil. Do not give animal or vegetable oil. Give 1 tablespoon of bicarbonate of soda in a quart of warm water.
Insect & Rat Poisons with Strychnine	Give glass of milk or activated charcoal in water. If there are no convulsions, induce vomiting (as with Camphor), except do not use ipecac if charcoal was given. Keep victim quiet.