



# Poison Prevention Press

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## First Aid for Poisoning

### Swallowed Poison:

- Gently wipe out mouth and give a small amount of water.
- Do not make the person vomit.
- Call the poison center.

### Poison on the Skin:

- Remove contaminated clothing and jewelry.
- Rinse skin with lukewarm water for 10 minutes.
- Call the poison center.

### Poison in the Eye:

- Flush the eye with lukewarm water for 15 minutes.
- Do not force the eyelid open.
- Call the poison center.

### Inhaled Poison:

- Get the person to fresh air.
- Open doors and windows.
- Call the poison center.

## Did you know that...

- Some fertilizers contain herbicides?
- There are different products available to [manage common lawn weeds?](#)

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## Herbicides

Herbicides, also known as weed killers, are a common household product. The spring season brings warmer weather and a chance to spend more time outside. You may also notice more weeds growing in your lawn or garden.

### Read the Label

Always read and follow the label directions. Not all weed killers are the same, so each product may work differently. Follow the directions on how to use it and how long to stay away from the sprayed area. If your pet walks in the area where the product is being sprayed, wipe their paws and nose to make sure they don't have any product on them.

### Wear Protective Clothing

It is best to wear protective clothing when using these products. This includes long sleeves, long pants, gloves, protective eyewear, and closed-toe shoes. After using weed killer, remove and wash your clothing in case any has gotten on it.

### Safe Storage

Always store weed killer in its original labeled container. Never store it in a food or beverage container. It is easy to mistake the product for a juice or other drink. This can lead to someone accidentally drinking it. Always store products up, away, and out of sight. If left in a reachable space, children and pets may get into the product.

### Weed Killer Ingredients

There are different types of weed killers that contain different ingredients depending on what it is you are looking for the product to do and what kind of weed you have. It is best to [identify a weed](#) to choose the best product for your yard.

Most products contain ingredients that are irritating if they get on the skin or in the eye.

Products containing pendimethalin, prodiamine, or benfen are also found to irritate the lungs if the dust or fume is breathed in and causes nausea and vomiting if swallowed. If large amounts of these products are swallowed, it can lead to sleepiness.

Products containing 2,4 D or dicamba can cause increased heart rate and changes in heart rhythm, sleepiness, and muscle weakness if a large amount is swallowed.

Products containing glyphosate can cause an eye infection if it gets in the eye. If product gets on the skin, it can cause redness, goose bumps, or skin infection. If small amounts are swallowed, it can cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, drowsiness, and mouth pain.

### Call the Poison Center

As with any other household or yard product, it's possible to be exposed to an herbicide on the skin, in the eye, by swallowing the dust or liquid, or by inhaling the fumes or mist. It is important to perform first aid first, then call the Maryland Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222 for more information. The proper first aid steps can be found on the left-side of this page. When calling, have the product with you so that the specialist can give you information for the specific product you used.