

## 1-800-222-1222

## 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 from cup, faucet, or shower 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.

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# What you need to know about

## E-Cigarettes and Nicotine

Nicotine is a stimulant drug that has been used for many years in a variety of ways. Below is information on available products, health effects of a nicotine exposure, and tips to prevent unintentional exposures.

## **Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)**

- Electronic cigarettes, hookah pens, vape pens, and mods.
- Heats a liquid until it becomes an aerosol that users inhale.
- Products may or may not contain nicotine and other ingredients.
- Refillable e-liquids come in flavors like fruit punch, strawberry, mint, and many more.
- Refillable e-liquids come in different sized bottles and nicotine strengths.

### **Tobacco**

- Cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, and pipe tobacco.
- Tobacco is burned to release the nicotine and the smoke is inhaled; nicotine from chewing tobacco is absorbed through the cheek and mouth.
- Small children may eat cigarettes and cigarette butts or drink spit juice from a soda can or bottle.

## **Stop Smoking Aids**

- Nicotine patches, nicotine gum, and nicotine lozenges.
- Contain concentrated amounts of nicotine.
- Look like regular chewing gum or mints so children can be easily confused; patches can be mistaken for stickers and placed on the skin.

## **Exposure Symptoms**

The symptoms of using too much nicotine vary based on the amount involved. Mild symptoms from small amounts:

- Nausea
- Dizziness
- Fast heartbeat

- Vomiting
- Tiredness
- High blood pressure

Severe symptoms from large amounts:

- Seizures
- Low blood pressure
- Slow heartbeat

## **Safety Tips**

- Wash hands after working with e-liquids because nicotine can be absorbed through the skin.
- Store all nicotine-containing products up, away, and out of sight.
- Make sure the child-resistant cap on e-liquids is closed properly after each use.

What to do if someone ingests or spills any of the above nicotine containing-products: Call 911 right away if the person is not breathing, is unconscious, or is having a seizure. Otherwise, call the poison center at I-800-222-1222. Pharmacists and nurses are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to answer your call. They can help you decide if the person can be treated at home or if they need to go to the hospital.