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First Aid for Poisoning

Poison on the Skin

- Remove contaminated clothing.
- Flood skin with water for 10 minutes, then wash gently with soap and water and rinse.
- Call the MPC

Poison in the Eye:

- Flood eye with luke-warm water from cup, faucet or shower for 15 minutes.
- Call the MPC

Inhaled Poison:

- Get victim to fresh air.
- If possible, open doors and windows.
- Call the MPC

Swallowed Poison:

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

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What you need to know about Spring Poison Safety

As you begin spring cleaning and work in the yard, the Maryland Poison Center (MPC) offers the following safety information:

Household Cleaners:

- Store cleaners out of sight and reach of children.
- Keep cleaners in their original containers. Never use food containers to store household products.
- Read and follow directions before using household cleaners every time they are used.
- Never mix cleaners because poisonous gases can be created.

In the Garden:

- Pesticides and herbicides can be taken into the body through the skin and by being inhaled.
- Wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, socks, shoes and gloves when using pesticides and herbicides. Remove and wash clothing when finished.
- Stay away from areas where pesticides have been sprayed until the spray has dried or for as long as noted on the product label.
- Wash off children and pets (especially their nose and paws) after they have been in grass that was recently sprayed with chemicals.
- Know the names of flowers and plants growing in and around your yard. Refer to the MPC Poisonous Plant list for more info. http://mdpoison.com/education/pdf/MPCPlants_2012.pdf
- Teach children to never put mushrooms, berries or any part of a plant into their mouths.

Swimming Pool:

- Open pool chemicals in a well-ventilated area, preferably outside. Gases that are irritating to the eyes, nose and lungs can build up in the container after winter storage.