

## **SAMPLE POISON CALLS**

1. A 2-year-old who weighs 27 pounds got into a medicine cabinet 15 minutes ago. 16 baby aspirin and 6 extra strength acetaminophen are now missing - child is asymptomatic.
2. A six-month-old child sucked on several leaves from a philodendron plant about 1 hour ago - he now is drooling and whiny.
3. 11:15 p.m. Mother is cleaning kitchen and realizes that her Flintstones vitamins without iron is empty. The bottle contained 60 when new, but three children have been using it for 9 days. The children are triplets - 2 years old (31 pounds). Everyone is asleep now. Ingestion occurred within the last 5-6 hours.
4. Dr. Davis is working on a case of unknown ingestion and calls to see if we can help him identify a toxidrome. An 18 y.o, presents to the E D. markedly agitated, hyperreflexic, and diaphoretic. Patient is exhibiting nystagmus with pupils remaining normal size and reactive to light. Patients behavior is bizarre and hostile. Stimulation causes shivering and muscle rigidity. Talk down techniques have thus far been ineffective.
5. A 16-year-old has just taken 6 black capsules with the marking 18-789. The caller is the boys mother who claims no previous history of ingestion. The patient is asymptomatic.
6. A 3-year-old has just bit into the oral thermometer his mother placed in his mouth. The silver bulb of the thermometer is missing.
7. A 2-year-old got into mothers Loestrin with iron birth control pills. He ingested 6 green and 6 brown pills. The child weighs 27 pounds.
8. A 6-year-old child drank an unknown amount of green fluid that was stored in a soda bottle. The child is now vomiting 2 hours later on his own. He is acting drunk and complaining of abdominal pain. The liquid is probably antifreeze as the father remembers storing it there when he threw the original container away six months ago.
9. A family of 4, ages 30, 28, 6, and 4, just learned that they have a faulty space heater. Parents have had headaches and have been nauseated and dizzy. The 4-year-old has been listless and is sleeping more than usual. The 6-year-old has no symptoms. The 28-year-old wife is calling from home.

10. A 21-year-old presents in an ED very cyanotic with shallow respirations. She had bathed earlier with Moroso octane boost to kill body lice and was found collapsed in the shower. The ED is calling for product information and treatment recommendations.
11. A 3-year-old is taking 125 mg of Amoxicillin 4 times daily for an ear infection. After being given a normal dose ten minutes ago, the child grabbed the bottle and drank approximately 1 oz. The mother is calling from home (the amoxicillin is 125mg/5ml).
12. A 35 lb dog has eaten a 2 oz package of D-Con pellets. The ingestion occurred sometime during the last four hours. The animal appears to be acting normally. The owner wants to know what to do and what to watch for.
13. A 4-year-old child just swallowed a hearing aid battery. It is an unknown brand, having been taken from the package yesterday and laid on a nightstand. The child is showing no symptoms. Mom is calling from home for instructions.
14. An ICU physician is calling regarding a recent admission. The patient is a 50-year-old male who had ingested 30-50 150 mg Elavil tablets approximately 4 hours ago. At 2 hrs post ingestion, he was treated in the E.D. with gastric lavage, an IV was started, and a foley catheter inserted. The patient is lethargic, pulse rate of 150. The M.D. wants further treatment recommendations, plus wants to know what other symptoms to expect.
15. A parent is calling about a 3-year-old who was found playing in a closet. The child approached mom and spit in her hand saying "yucky." She was found to be carrying 1 mothball with a bite taken out and seemed to have ingested a mouthful of crystals from a package marked Silica gel, ..." Not to be taken internally...Keep out of the reach of children." It occurred within the last 10 minutes. What needs to be done?
16. An 80-year-old mail has been spraying his orchard with a product containing 20% Baygon. He was not using any protective devices, (mask, gloves, etc.). The mist from the spray blew into his face, eyes, and onto clothing. Contamination occurred 4 hrs ago. He states he is experiencing nausea, sweating, and chest pains. He is reluctant to go to the ED. What do you say to convince him to go? If he consents, what do you recommend be done in the ED? At home before leaving?

17. An 8-month-old grabbed the tube of Desitin Ointment from mom's diaper bag. Child possibly ate  $\frac{1}{2}$  the tube. Child is asymptomatic.
18. A 28-year-old man came to the E. D. 24 hrs after working with art aluminum siding cleaner that contained 12% hydrofluoric acid. He has presented with pain, redness and swelling of the fingers.
19. A 45-year-old woman was cleaning her kitchen floor with a mixture of Clorox, ammonia and water. Several minutes later she experienced nasal irritation, coughing and shortness of breath. She then called the Poison Center.
20. A 24-month-old was in the bathroom and got into the parents bottle of Afrin Nasal Spray, 12-hr formula. The ingested amount approximates 1 mouthful. Child was asymptomatic on the call to the poison center.
21. A 3-year-old was found holding a 0.75 oz. bottle of cologne. The bottle is empty and the mom doesn't know how much was originally in the container. There is no evidence of spilled cologne. The child is asymptomatic on call to the poison center. The alleged ingestion just took place.
22. A friend of a 16-year-old girl calls the poison center at 2:00 a.m. The patient has supposedly ingested  $\frac{1}{2}$  bottle of Thorazine tablets plus several beers. The patient has slurred speech, ataxia, and is becoming increasingly drowsy. The exact time of ingestion is not known, but probably within the past  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour.
23. An 11-month-old ingested approximately 1 mouthful of Talc Powder. The child had vomited and was coughing after the ingestion.
24. A cat was nibbling on a poinsettia leaf for a short time. It appeared as if approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a leaf was missing. The cat was asymptomatic on call to the Poison Center.
25. A 17-year-old boy was siphoning gasoline and accidentally swallowed a mouthful. He immediately called the Poison Center. His only complaint at the time was nausea.

26. A 30-year-old woman accidentally splashed Vanish Crystals Toilet Bowl Cleaner in her eye. On call to the Poison Center, she complained of pain and redness in her eye.
27. A 2-year-old child got into a bottle of clonidine 0.2 mg tablets, 45 minutes ago. Dad states 3 tablets max are missing. Child weighs 22 lbs and is drowsy.
28. A 22-month-old female was found playing with a bottle of Campho-phenique liquid from Winthrop. Ingested amount was about 5 ml. The child weighs 30 lbs.
29. A 30 lb child ingested about 1.5 oz of a dental rinse containing 0.243% NaF. Child is asymptomatic at time of call.
30. Father calls PCC concerned about his 8-year-old child who was stung by a scorpion 10 minutes ago. Patient is crying. Sting occurred on right forearm.
31. You are called about a 10-year-old boy who was bitten by a cat 1 hour ago. The boy was playing with Iris own pet cat outside his house in suburban Atlanta when a stray cat wandered over to him, crawled up his leg, bit him on the hand, and ran away. The caller wants to know your recommendations regarding rabies prophylaxis.
32. 43 yo female, 135lbs, took 10 Wellbutrin 150mg intentionally. Patient doesn't remember or will not disclose whether the tablets were immediate or extended release, but does indicate that she is feeling very nauseous.