

Poisoning

For all poisoning call Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26

Management

A poison causes illness or an injury when it gets into the body.

Some poisons cause harm immediately, whilst for others it can take a bit more time.

A person can be poisoned in four ways;



Ingestion (swallowing)

Do not make them vomit



Inhalation (breathing)

If safe move to fresh air



Absorption (through the skin)

Remove clothing flush with water



Injection (injected into the body)

Try and find out the substance

Signs & Symptoms

- Pale, cool, clammy skin
- Weak, rapid, erratic pulse
- Cyanosis (blue lips and skin)
- Nausea and or vomiting
- Headache, ringing in ears
- Stomach pains or cramps
- Seizures, blurred vision
- Breathing difficulties
- Burning pain in mouth or throat
- Drowsiness, which could lead to unconsciousness

Always ring the 24/7 call centre for NSW and all of Australia 13 11 26

