

Low Toxicity Substances



If ingested:

These substances are considered to be of low toxicity when ingested acutely. They may cause oral irritation and mild gastrointestinal upset but other features are unlikely to present

What to do:

A small glass of water (or milk or juice) may be given if there is mild gastrointestinal upset

If considerable quantities are ingested or persisting or worrying symptoms are present medical professionals should consult TOXBASE® (www.toxbase.org) or contact the NPIS

In the Garden

Animal urine/faeces

Bird faeces

Compost

Dog and cat faeces (less than 10 days old)

Earth/Soil

Grass Slugs, snails and worms

Small dead insects or spiders

Plants

African violet (Saintpaulia ionantha)

Cacti

Carnation (Dianthus)

Christmas cactus (Schlumbergera

bridgesii)

Dandelion (Taraxacum officinale)

Daisy (Bellis perennis)

Fuchsia

Geranium (Pelargonium species) Hawthorn (Crataegus monogyna)

Honeysuckle (Lonicera species)

Jasmine

Marigold (Calendula officinalis)

Nasturtium (Tropaeolum majus)

Pansy (Viola tricolor)

Petunia

Primrose (Primula vulgaris)

Rose (Rosa species)

Rowan (Sorbus aucuparia)

Snapdragon (Antirrhinum majus)

Spider plant (Chlorophytum comosum)

Star Gazer Lily (Lilium speciosum)

Violet (Viola tricolor)

Craft Items

Ball point pen ink

Blu Tack® and similar preparations

Chalk

Children's paints

(including face, powder and poster)

Crayons (wax)

Crepe paper

Felt tip pen ink

Gel pen ink

Glue (water based or PVA and stick such as Prit stick®)

Pencil lead (graphite)

Plasticine ® (not Play Doh ®)

Putty

Cosmetics and Toiletries

Baby wipes

Bubble bath*

Deodorant, non-aerosol

Hair conditioner/shampoo* (not insecticidal

or medicated)

Liquid soap*

Moisturiser/hand cream/body lotion

Shaving foam

Shower gel*

Solid cosmetics

(e.g. lipstick, ChapStick® and foundation)

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Pharmaceuticals

Antacids (e.g. Rennie®)

Aqueous cream

Calamine lotion

Cough sweets/lozenges

Evening primrose oil

Folic acid

Guaifenesin-only cough preparations

Hormone replacement therapy (HRT)

Homeopathic preparations

(not herbal remedies)

Hydrocortisone cream

Nappy rash cream (e.g. Bepanthen ®)

Oral contraceptive pill

Omega 3 fish oils

Prednisolone

Pyridoxine

Sudocrem ®

Thiamine

Vitamins B, C and E Witch hazel

Zinc oxide cream

Cleaning Products

Air freshener, non-aerosol

(not reed diffusers and electrical plug-ins)

Cleaning wipes (such as floor or surface wipes)

Household liquid carpet cleaner*

Washing up liquid*

(not dishwasher products)

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Miscellaneous

Artificial sweeteners

Bubble liquid*

Candles

Chewing gum (nicotine-free)

Coal and artificial coal

Foil

Food packaging/sweet wrappers

Human urine/faeces

Indoor emulsion paint

Luminous glowsticks/necklaces

Matches

Mouldy, out-of-date or raw food

Nappies

Newspaper

Polystyrene

Sand

Silver paper/foil

Silica gel (desiccant sachet)

Teething rings

Tinsel

Wallpaper paste

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Animal or Plant food

Bird seed Cat and dog food Cut flower food

Fish food



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