

Comments

Plants are some of the most frequently ingested substances.

They rarely cause serious problems, although some plant ingestions can be fatal.

Plants can also cause choking and allergic reactions.

Treatment

Wash from skin or eyes.

Provide supportive care as needed.

ASA, Acetylsalicylic acid; IV, intravenous; PCC, poison control center.

Principles of Emergency Treatment

A poisoning may or may not require emergency intervention, but in every instance medical evaluation is necessary to initiate appropriate action. Advise parents to call the **poison control center (PCC)** *before* initiating any intervention. Parents should post the local PCC telephone number (usually listed in the front of the telephone directory) near each phone in the house* (see [Emergency Treatment](#) box).

+Emergency Treatment

Poisoning

1. Assess the victim:

- Initiate cardiorespiratory support if needed (circulation, airway, breathing).