

- Assess mental status; reevaluate routinely.
- Take vital signs; reevaluate routinely.
- Evaluate for possibility of concomitant trauma or illness; treat prior to initiation of gastric decontamination.

2. Terminate exposure:

- Empty mouth of pills, plant parts, or other material.
- Flush any body surface (including the eyes) exposed to a toxin with large amounts of moderately warm water or saline.
- Remove contaminated clothes, including socks and shoes, and jewelry. Ensure protection of rescuers and health care workers from exposure.
- Bring victim of an inhalation poisoning into fresh air.

3. Identify the poison:

- Question the victim and witnesses.
- Observe the circumstances surrounding the poisoning (e.g., location, activity before ingestion).
- Look for environmental clues (empty container, nearby spill, odor on breath) and save all evidence of poison (container, vomitus, urine).