

acetaminophen, salicylate, iron, and plant poisoning. Because of the importance of lead poisoning among young children, ingestion of lead is discussed separately. Appropriate suggestions for poison prevention are discussed later in this chapter.

Box 13-2

Selected Poisonings in Children

Corrosives (Strong Acids or Alkalis)

Drain, toilet, and oven cleaners

Electric dishwasher detergent (liquid because of higher pH, is more hazardous than granular)

Mildew remover

Batteries

Clinitest tablets

Denture cleaners

Bleach

Clinical Manifestations

Severe burning pain in the mouth, throat, and stomach

White, swollen mucous membranes; edema of the lips, tongue, and pharynx (respiratory obstruction)

Coughing, hemoptysis

Drooling and inability to clear secretions

Signs of shock

Anxiety and agitation

Comments