

CHIEF COMPLAINT: , Possible exposure to ant  
bait.,HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS:, This is a  
14-month-old child who apparently was near the sink, got into  
the childproof cabinet and pulled out ant bait that had Borax in  
it. It had 11 mL of this fluid in it. She spilled it on her, had it on  
her hands. Parents were not sure whether she ingested any of  
it. So, they brought her in for evaluation. They did not note  
any symptoms of any type.,PAST MEDICAL HISTORY: ,  
Negative. Generally very healthy.,REVIEW OF SYSTEMS: ,  
The child has not been having any coughing, gagging,  
vomiting, or other symptoms. Acting perfectly normal. Family  
mostly noted that she had spilled it on the ground around her,  
had it on her hands, and on her clothes. They did not witness  
that she ingested any, but did not see anything her  
mouth.,MEDICATIONS: , None.,ALLERGIES: ,  
NONE.,PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: , VITAL SIGNS: The  
patient was afebrile. Stable vital signs and normal pulse  
oximetry. GENERAL: The child is very active, cheerful  
youngster, in no distress whatsoever. HEENT: Unremarkable.  
Oral mucosa is clear, moist, and well hydrated. I do not see  
any evidence of any sort of liquid on the face. Her clothing did  
have the substance on the clothes, but I did not see any  
evidence of anything on her torso. Apparently, she had some  
on her hands that has been wiped off.,EMERGENCY  
DEPARTMENT COURSE:, I discussed the case with Poison  
Control and apparently this is actually relatively small quantity  
and it is likely to be a nontoxic ingestion if she even ingested,  
which should does not appear likely to be the

case.,IMPRESSION: , Exposure to ant bait.,PLAN: , At this point, it is fairly unlikely that this child ingested any significant amount, if at all, which seems unlikely. She is not exhibiting any symptoms and I explained to the parents that if she develops any vomiting, she should be brought back for reevaluation. So, the patient is discharged in stable condition.