

## Poison Safety

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Many household items have universal icons depicting the risks they present. You should familiarize yourself on what these symbols mean and what to do if they are improperly used. **Harmful chemicals are not always ingested orally.** They can be absorbed through the skin, breathed in, among other forms of contact.

- Teach children that these symbols mean Danger! Do not touch!
- Keep all products with these symbols where children cannot see or reach them.
- Read the label and follow the instructions. If you have trouble reading the label, ask for help. Do not cover up or remove the labels from these products.
- Copy emergency phone numbers from the first page of your phone book. Keep those numbers close to the phone.
- If someone is hurt by a product that has these symbols on the label:
  - Call the Poison Control Centre or your doctor right away.
  - Tell the person who answers the phone what the label says.
  - Bring the product with you when you go for help.
  - Do not wash off or encourage the person to make themselves sick as it could create further issues.
- Familiarize yourself with what the symbols mean. The more corners a symbol has, the greater the risk it poses to others.



*DANGER*



*WARNING*



*CAUTION*



*POISON*



*CORROSIVE*



*FLAMMABLE*



*EXPLOSIVE*