

How to deal with poisoning



Poisons & Corrosives

Poisons can be divided into two sections, those that actually poison the body by targeting and affecting one or more organs in the body, and corrosives such as acids and alkalis that destroy living tissue on contact. In all cases, retain the bottle or poison for the emergency service.

Poisons



Signs and symptoms

- Nausea and vomiting
- Breathing problems
- Confusion and hallucination
- Unconsciousness and fitting

Treatment

- Read 1st aid instructions on bottle
- **DO NOT GIVE ANYTHING BY MOUTH**
- Keep casualty still and calm
- 999/112

Corrosives

Signs and symptoms

- Burning of lips and skin
- Abdominal pain
- Difficulty breathing

Treatment

- Read 1st aid instructions on bottle
- Give quantities of water to dilute
- Do not induce vomiting
- 999/112

