Plant Guide
**Treatment**

Follow these steps if someone is exposed to a poisonous plant

MOUTH:  
Remove any remaining portion of the plant, berry, or mushroom.  
Gently wipe mouth with a wet cloth.  
Check for any irritation, swelling, or discoloration.  
Give one glass of water to drink, provided victim is conscious and able to swallow.  
Call the Poison Center for further treatment instructions.

SKIN:  
A few plants may cause local irritation, itching, and/or a rash to the skin.  
To prevent further irritation, remove contaminated clothing and wash skin well with soap and water.  
Call the Poison Center for further treatment instructions.

EYES:  
Wash hands with soap and water to avoid further irritation to the eye.  
Rinse eye well with lukewarm tap water for 10-15 minutes.  
Gently pour water from a clean container held 2-4 inches above the eye.  
Call the Poison Center for further treatment instructions.

After following the above steps, always call the Poison Center.  Do not wait for symptoms to appear.

**To prevent a plant poisoning**

- Keep all houseplants out of a young child’s reach.  
- Know the name of all your plants, both indoors and outdoors.  
- Label each of your plants with the correct botanical name.  
- Mushrooms and berries are particularly attractive to young children.  Teach your children never to put mushrooms, berries, or any part of a plant including leaves, flowers, stems, bulbs, or seeds in their mouths.  
- Mushrooms are especially abundant after a rainfall.  Remove mushrooms from your yard and dispose of properly after each rainfall.  
- Do not assume a plant is non-poisonous because birds or wildlife eat it.  
- Do not rely on cooking to destroy toxic chemicals in plants.  
- Never use anything prepared from nature as a medicine or “tea.”

If you suspect a poisoning, call the Poison Center immediately.  Poison Information Specialists are available at the Poison Center seven days a week, 24 hours a day.  Do not wait for symptoms to appear; symptoms may often be delayed.

**National Number:**  
1-800-222-1222

* Special concern for dogs  
** Special concern for cats  
*** Special concern for birds and other small animals

A word about pets . . .  
Young children are not the only ones who like plants!  Pets, especially cats and dogs, also frequently ingest plants.  
If a plant is known to be poisonous to humans, it’s a safe bet it can also be harmful to your pet.  On the other hand, because a plant is listed as nontoxic, does not mean it will not have any ill effects on animals.  Nontoxic plants can often cause vomiting and other related symptoms in dogs and especially cats.  If you suspect your pet may have ingested a toxic plant, please call your veterinarian.

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Species names are italicized.
Nontoxic (Safe, not poisonous)

The following plants are considered to be non-toxic. However, any plant may cause unexpected reactions in certain individuals, including choking. Always check with the Poison Center if a plant has been ingested.

Abelia  
African Daisy  
African Violet  
Aglaonema  
Airplane Plant  
Alpine Currant  
Aluminum Plant  
Alyssum  
Anthericum  
Anthurium  
Aralia  
Areca Palm  
Ash Tree  
Aspidistra  
Aster  
Astillbe  
Baby's Breath  
Baby's Tears  
Baby's Toes  
Bachelor's Buttons  
Balsam  
Basket Vine  
Bleeding Heart  
Vine  
Blood Leaf Plant  
Boston Fern  
Bromelia  
Bromeliad  
Calathea argyraea  
Calico Hearts  
Calla Lily Begonia  
Camellia  
Carrion Flower  
Cattail  
Cattleya  
China Doll  
Chinese Evergreen  
Christmas Cactus  
Coleus  
Columbine  
Coral Bells  
Cordyline  
Corn  
Corn Plant  
Creeping Charlie  
(C)  
Crocus (Spring)  
Croton  
(C)  
Dahlia  
Dandellion  
Dracaena  
Dragon Tree  
Easter Cactus  
Easter Lily**  
Easter Lily Cactus  
Elm Tree  
Eugenia  
False Solomon's Seal  
Fatsia  
Feltbush  
Ferns  
Ficus benjamina  
Fig Tree  
Forsythia  
Friendship Plant  
Fuchsia  
Gardenia  
Garlic*  
Gloxinia  
Gold dust Plant  
Goldfish Plant  
Grape Ivy  
Hawaiian Ti Plant  
Hibiscus  
Honey Locust  
Hosta  
Hoya  
Impatiens  
Jacoby's Ladder  
Jade Plant  
Japanese Aralia  
Kalanchoe  
Lilac  
Linden Tree  
Lipstick Plant  
Maidenhair Fern  
Magnolia  
Maple Trees  
Marigolds (except  
Marsh Marigolds)  
Maternity Plant  
Mock Orange  
Mountain Ash  
Natal Plum  
Neanthebella  
Nerve Plant  
Norfolk Island Pine  
Onion*  
Palm*  
Panda Plant  
Passion Vine  
Peacock Plant  
Pellionia  
Pepperomia  
Petunia  
Phlox  
Piggyback Plant  
Pilea  
Pine Trees  
Plush Plant  
Polka Dot Plant  
Potentilla  
Powder Puff  
Prayer Plant  
Pregnant Plant  
Propeller Plant  
Purple Passion  
Queen's Tears  
Rabbit's Foot  
Rainbow Plant  
Ribbon Plant  
Rosary Vine  
Rubber Plant  
Salvia  
Sansevieria  
Schefflera  
Screwpine  
Seersucker  
Plant  
Sensitive Plant  
Silk Tree  
Silver Dollar Plant  
Silver Evergreen  
Silver Poplar  
Sinningia  
Snake Plant  
Zebra Plant  
Zinnia
## Caution (Mildly toxic)

The following plants may be mildly toxic or may easily be confused with toxic plants. However, since they are only mildly poisonous, they can be kept around children with some precautions. We recommend calling the Poison Center if a child or animal consumes a portion of any of the following:

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## Toxic (Dangerous, poisonous)

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