

Swallowed substances

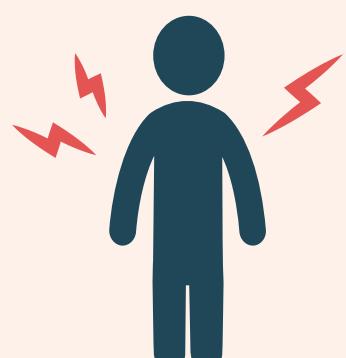
Warning signs/symptoms when a substance is swallowed



nausea and vomiting



tummy pain



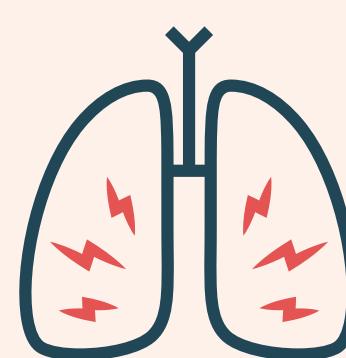
seizures



headaches



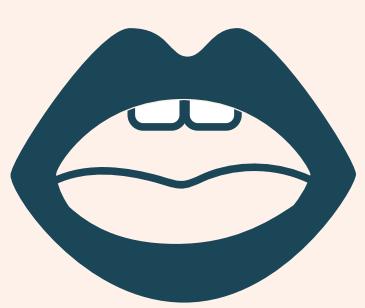
drowsiness



breathing problems



diarrhoea



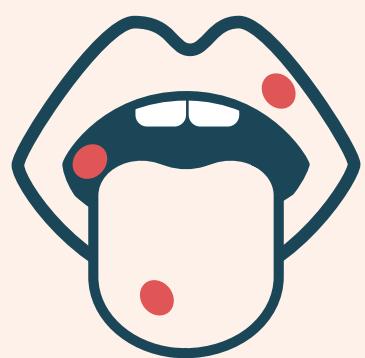
blueness on lips, face, earlobes or fingernails



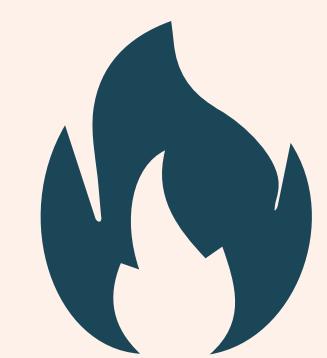
ringing in ears



smell of the substance on breath



burns around and inside mouth or tongue

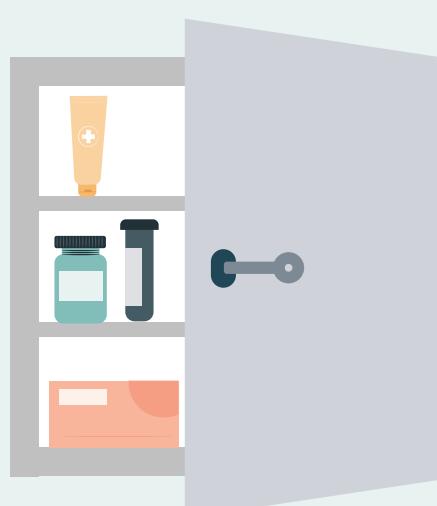


burning pain from mouth to stomach



blurred vision

How to prevent substances from being swallowed



Store all medicines, chemicals and cleaners in locked cabinets out of sight and reach of children



Keep medicines, chemicals and cleaning products in their original packaging



Take medicines that you don't need or that are out of date to your local pharmacy to dispose of them safely



If someone has swallowed a substance, find the product packet. Take the packet to the phone and call the Poisons Information Line on **13 11 26**. If someone has stopped breathing or collapsed, **call triple zero (000)** for an ambulance.

While waiting for the ambulance

- If the poisoned person has collapsed or is not breathing, start resuscitation.
- Wash the substance off the face with water.
- Take a photo of the label or note down the product details.
- Do not eat or drink anything unless you have been advised to do so
- Do not try to make yourself vomit