

FIRST RESPONSE FOR POISONINGS

In cases of a medical emergency such as breathing difficulty, convulsions or loss of consciousness, call 911 immediately.

Swallowed Poisons:

- Call the **Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222** immediately.
- Do not make the victim vomit unless you are told to do so by a doctor or the Poison Control Center.

Inhaled Poisons:

- Get the victim to fresh air right away, being careful not to expose yourself to the fumes.
- Open any doors or windows.
- Loosen clothing around the person's neck area.
- Observe the person's breathing to look for any irregular patterns. **Call 911 if the person is having difficulty breathing.** Give artificial respiration if necessary.
- **If the victim is breathing okay,** call the **Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222.**

Poisons in the Eye:

- Holding the eyelid open, flush the eye with lukewarm water in a gentle stream for 15 minutes.
- Encourage the person to blink while flushing out the eye.
- Call the **Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222.**

Poisons on the Skin:

- Remove contaminated clothing. Be careful not to expose yourself to the material.
- Flush the contaminated area immediately with water for 10 minutes.
- Call the **Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222.**