HOW POISONS AFFECT THE BODY

Poisons can affect many parts of the body such as:

The Brain and Spinal Cord (Nerves)
*Poisons:* lead (used car batteries), medications, insecticides, alcohol.

*Symptoms:* headache, dizziness, confusion, depression, coma, convulsions (fits).

The Heart
*Poisons:* periwinkle, oleander, medications,

*Symptoms:* racing heart, dizziness

The Lungs
*Poisons:* kerosene oil, gasoline, car exhaust, fumes from household cleaners (especially if mixed with bleach).

*Symptoms:* irritation, coughing, choking, chest tightness, shortness of breath, wheezing.

The Kidneys
*Poisons:* medications, alcohol.

*Symptoms:* lower back or side pain, urinating more or less than usual.

The Liver
*Poisons:* bleach, medications, moth balls (camphor balls), alcohol.

*Symptoms:* jaundice, abdominal tendemess, pain and swelling.
The Stomach and Intestines

**Poisons:** bleach, kerosene oil, household cleaners, medications, alcohol.

**Symptoms:** nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and cramps.

Bones

**Poisons:** lead (used car batteries), mercury.

**Symptoms:** easily fractured bones.

Muscles

**Poisons:** lead (used car batteries), mercury, medications.

**Symptoms:** muscle weakness and pain.

Skin

**Poisons:** kerosene oil, household cleaners (especially those with ammonia), plant and animal poisons.

**Symptoms:** rashes, itching, redness and swelling.

If you or anyone experience any of these symptoms, call **CARPIN** at 1-888- POISONS (7647667), the **police** at 119, or the **ambulance** at 110.

**IMPORTANT**

Accidental poisoning is a notifiable event and **should be reported** to the **health centre of the parish** in which it occurs.

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