



Prevent accidental pet poisoning

Spring clean safely by protecting pets from household toxins

Types and signs of poisoning:

- **Ingested** (when a pet eats something they shouldn't)
- **Inhaled** (when a pet inhales chemical fumes or smoke)
- **Absorbed** (when a pet absorbs toxins through the skin)

SIGNS: Excessive salivation, racing or irregular pulse, vomiting, lethargy, rapid breathing or cold extremities

Vulnerability depends on species, amount ingested and pet size.

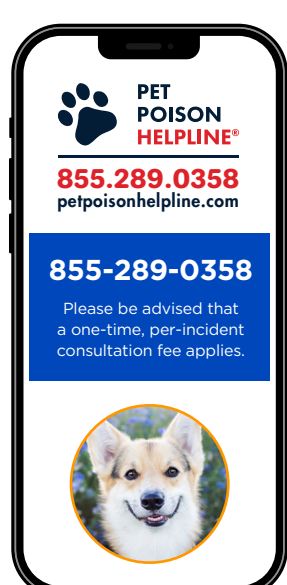


What to do if you suspect poisoning:

- Rinse mouth or skin immediately with water
- Call a veterinary professional to assess the risk to your pet

Information to have on hand when calling:

- What was ingested or touched, how much and where
- Estimated time of exposure
- Pet's current weight and medical history
- A sample of the product, ingested object(s) or vomit



Did you know? Nationwide pet insurance members can chat with veterinary experts 24/7 about any pet health question or concern.

How to avoid an accidental poisoning:

- After using cleaning solutions, pesticide sprays or bleach, block access to rooms until surfaces are dry and the room is well-ventilated
- Keep medications, pest control products and cleaning & household supplies sealed and out of reach
- Ask guests to keep their personal belongings behind closed doors
- Close the lids on toilets and trash cans when not in use



Common household toxin calls received by Pet Poison Helpline



DOGS

- Mouse/rat poison
- Anti-inflammatory medications
- Antidepressant medications
- Acetaminophen
- Vitamin D3



CATS

- Topical flea/tick medication intended for dogs
- Household cleaners
- Antidepressant medications
- Essential oils
- Anti-inflammatory medications

Average cost of **pesticide toxicity poisoning***

\$517

Average cost of **household chemical poisoning***

\$330

Average cost of **drug toxicity***

\$697

*2021 Nationwide claims data

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