



St Andrew's First Aid Together We Save Lives



POISONING

They've been exposed to a substance.
WHAT ACTION DO YOU TAKE?

WHAT IS POISONING?

- Poisoning (toxin) occurs when the body is exposed to a substance in sufficient quantity to cause harm.
- Damage caused by poisoning can be potentially fatal. While waiting for medical assistance, you should monitor the casualty's vital signs and be prepared to resuscitate in case they become unconscious or stop breathing.

YOUR AIMS

- Try to find out what the casualty has been in contact with. Seek medical help, giving as much information as possible.
- Remove any clothing contaminated by chemicals.

CAUTION

Do not try to induce vomiting.

TREATMENT

- Try to find out what has poisoned the casualty.
- If a conscious casualty's lips are burnt by corrosive substance, give sips of cold milk or water.
- Allow the casualty to rest.
- Dial 999/112 for an ambulance.



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