

Poisonous Plants

These plants are considered **VERY** harmful to children. **Other plants not listed may be A SEVERE HEALTH RISK to your child if consumed.** Contact the POISONS INFORMATION CENTRE to discuss the appropriate first aid action if your child should ingest **ANY** unknown plant or gardening product in your home or garden.

PLANT	TOXIC PART	SYMPTOMS
African Milk Bush <i>Synadenium grantii</i>	All parts	Irritation of the mucous surfaces, diarrhoea, vomiting.
Agapanthus <i>Agapanthus orientalis</i>	Leaves	Acute skin irritation and ulceration of the mouth.
Angels Trumpet <i>Datura Aborea</i> (<i>D.Candida</i>)	Fruit, seeds and flowers	Dry throat, increasing thirst. Disturbance of vision, giddiness, flushed face, headache, restlessness and staggering, dilation of pupils, tachycardia, coma and death.
Arum Lily <i>Santedeschia aethiopica</i>	All parts	Swelling of tongue and throat. Causes severe illness and acute gastric upset.
Autumn Crocus <i>Colchicum autumnale</i>	All parts	Gastro-intestinal upset, respiratory paralysis, renal damage, exhaustion and shock.
Azalea or Rhododendron	All parts	Nausea, vomiting, depression, difficulty in breathing, coma.
Bird of Paradise <i>Poinciana gilliesii</i>	Pods and seeds	Vomiting, diarrhoea, drowsiness and vertigo.
Black Locust <i>Robinia psuedoacacia</i>	All parts	Gastro-intestinal upset, coldness of extremities, heart irregularities, pupil dilation.
Box <i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	Leaves and twigs	Gastro enteritis, bloody diarrhoea, respiratory failure and convulsions.
Cape Lilac <i>Melia azedarach</i>	Fruit	Gastro-intestinal distress, bloody stools, excitement or depression. 6-8 fruit can be fatal to a child.
Castor-oil Plant <i>Ricinus communis</i>	Seeds	Restlessness, cold clammy skin, thirst, rapid pulse, cramps, drowsiness, stuporous, collapse. 2-8 seeds is lethal dose for adult. Can cause a severe allergic reaction.
Cotoneaster	Fruit (red berries)	Intense nausea and vomiting.
Daffodil & Jonquil <i>Narcissus pseudonarcissus</i> and <i>Narcissus jonquilla</i>	Bulbs	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, trembling and convulsions.
Daphne	Berries	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, trembling and convulsions.
Dumb-Cane <i>Dieffenbachia spp.</i>	All parts	Intense burning and irritation of mouth and tongue. Swelling and accumulation of fluid causes difficulty in swallowing.
Duranta <i>Idurnata repens</i>	Fruit	Sleepiness, high temperature.
Foxglove <i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	All parts	Irregular heart beat and pulse. Usually digestive upset and dizziness.
Hemlock <i>Conium Maculatum</i>	All parts	Violent, painful convulsions and a gradual loss of muscle power.

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Jessamine <i>Cestrum spp.</i>	All parts	Nausea, pupil dilation, muscular weakness, hallucinations, tachycardia, weak pulse, coma.
Laburnum <i>Laburnum anagyroides</i>	All parts, especially seeds	Vomiting, purging, tetanic spasms.
Lantana <i>Lantana camara</i>	Green berries	Not fully documented, but includes muscular weakness and circulatory collapse.
Naked Lady <i>Euphorbia tirucalli</i>	All parts	Vomiting, purging, delirium, death. Latex sap is an irritant, causes temporary blindness on contact with eyes. Blistering to the skin.
Nightshades	All parts, especially berries	Intense digestive disturbance, affects nervous system.
Oleander <i>Nerium oleander</i> and <i>Thevetia peruviana</i>	All parts	Extremely poisonous! Affects the heart and pulse. Usually causes digestive upset and mental confusion. Ingestion of one leaf or flower can be fatal to a child.
Poinsettia <i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i>	Leaves, stalk, sap	Severe nausea if swallowed. Extreme irritation to skin and eyes from latex sap.
Rhubarb <i>Rheum rhaponticum</i>	Leaf blade	Staggering, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhoea, impaired clotting of blood, coma.
Rhus <i>Toxicodendron succedaneum</i>	All parts	Severe irritation and blistering of the skin. Intense swelling of the face that may spread to other parts.
Toadstool	All parts	Intoxication (in a few minutes to two hours), unusual secretion of saliva, sweating, diarrhoea, vomiting and circulatory failure. Mental disturbance, convulsions and coma.
Thorn Apple <i>Datura stramonium</i> and <i>Jimson Weed</i>	All parts	Abnormal thirst, distorted sight, delirium, incoherence, coma.
Winter Sweet <i>Carissa spectabilis</i>	All parts	Severe gastro-intestinal irritation, irregular heart beat and pulse.

SAFETY MEASURES:

1. Make sure **ALL** plants, both indoor and outdoor, are accurately identified.
2. Remove or securely fence off all identified poisonous plants.

Contact these agencies for more information on identifying poisonous plants in your garden:

Poisons Information Centre: **13 11 26**

Kidsafe SA: **(08) 8161 6318**

IF YOU SUSPECT YOUR CHILD HAS INGESTED ANY UNKNOWN PLANT OR GARDENING PRODUCT, CONTACT THE POISONS INFORMATION CENTRE IMMEDIATELY ON 13 11 26

This information has been adapted from the Home-Safe Play-Safe Healthy Cities Wanneroo project.