

Common Household Toxic Substances

You may have some or all of these products in your home and not even be aware they could cause problems for your family pet. Symptoms could be just a skin or eye irritation or a possible fatal reaction if taken internally. Usually if the product label has a warning on it, then it is probably in some way also toxic to your dog.

The following will list household products, include possible symptoms if exposed and basic first aid. Always contact your veterinarian if you suspect your dog has come in contact with one of these products.

Acetone: (Vomiting, diarrhea, depression, weak pulse, shock) Induce vomiting give baking soda in water orally.

Ammonia: (Vomiting blood, abdominal pain, skin blisters and burns) Wash skin with water and vinegar, give diluted water and vinegar orally or 3 egg whites.

Antifreeze: (Vomiting, coma, kidney failure, death) Induce vomiting, administer 1 oz of vodka orally followed by water (can be repeated).

Bleach: (Burns of skin and mouth, vomiting). Induce vomiting, give 3 egg whites

Charcoal Lighter: (Vomiting, breathing distress, shock, coma or seizures) Induce vomiting, give laxatives

Chocolate (all varieties): (Vomiting, diarrhea, depression, heart arrhythmia, muscle twitching, seizures, coma from high levels of caffeine and Theo bromine) Induce vomiting, give laxatives. Lethal does of 1/3 oz per pound. for dark chocolate, and 1 oz per pound for milk chocolate.

Deodorants: (Vomiting) Induce vomiting

Detergents/Soap: (Vomiting) Induce vomiting, give 3 egg whites or milk orally, watch breathing.

Furniture Polish: (Vomiting, breathing distress, shock, coma or seizures) Induce vomiting, give laxatives.

Gasoline: (Skin irritation, weakness, dementia, dilated pupils, vomiting, twitching) Induce vomiting, give vegetable oil orally to block absorption, get into fresh air.

Ibuprofen: (Vomiting, stomach ulceration, kidney failure) Induce vomiting, give laxatives, many need IV fluids

Kerosene/Fuel Oil: (Vomiting, breathing distress, shock, coma or seizures) Induce vomiting, give laxatives, give vegetable oil orally to block absorption.

Lead: (Vomiting, diarrhea, anemia, neurological symptoms, blindness, seizures, coma.) Induce vomiting, give laxatives, remove source of lead.

Lime: (Skin irritant, burns) Wash skin with copious soap and water.

Lye: (Vomiting blood, abdominal pain, skin blisters and burns)
Wash skin with water and vinegar, give diluted water and vinegar orally or 3 egg whites

Organophosphate Insecticides: (Excess drooling, weakness, seizures, vomiting, dilated pupils) Wash off insecticide, administer atropine sulfate as the antidote

Paint Thinner: (Vomiting, breathing distress, shock, coma or seizures.) Induce vomiting, Give laxatives.

Phenol Cleaners: (Nausea, vomiting, shock, liver or kidney failure) Wash off skin, induce vomiting, give 3 egg whites or milk orally.

Rat Poison: (Excess bleeding, anemia, cyanosis) Induce vomiting, requires vitamin K injections

Rubbing Alcohol: (Weakness, in coordination, blindness, coma, dilated pupils, vomiting and diarrhea) Induce vomiting, give baking soda in water to neutralize acidosis.

Strychnine: (Dilated pupils, respiratory distress, rigid muscles, seizures and spasms with loud noises or stimulus, brown urine.) Induce vomiting, keep dog in a dark quiet room until taking him to the veterinarian.

Turpentine: (Vomiting, diarrhea, bloody urine, neurological disorientation, coma, breathing distress.) Induce vomiting, give vegetable oil by mouth to block absorption, give laxatives.

Tylenol: (Depression, fast heart rate, brown urine, anemia.) Induce vomiting give 500 mg vitamin C per 25 pounds, followed by baking soda in water.

HOW TO INDUCE VOMITING

Give several teaspoons (for small and medium size dogs) or several tablespoons (for large and giant size dogs) of hydrogen peroxide orally. Repeat as needed to stimulate vomiting, another remedy 1 teaspoon (for small and medium dogs) or 1 table spoon (for large and giant dogs) of Ipecac syrup. Allow the dog to drink 1 cup of water as this will hasten the vomiting. Repeat as needed.

HOW TO GIVE A LAXATIVE:

Laxatives are used to quickly expel the plant material from the intestines. Mineral oil is safe and effective. Give 1 teaspoon for small dogs under 25 lbs., 1 tablespoon to medium size dogs, 25 - 50 lbs. and 2 tablespoons to large or giant dogs, 50 - 100 lbs.+