



If you suspect that your pet has been exposed to a poison, it is important not to panic. While rapid response is important, panicking generally interferes with the process of helping your animal.

Take 30 to 60 seconds to safely collect and have at hand the material involved. This may be of great benefit to the Center professionals as they determine exactly what poison or poisons are involved. In the event that you need to take your animal to your local veterinarian, be sure to take with you any product container. Also bring any material your pet may have vomited or chewed, collected in a zip-lock bag.

If your animal is having a seizure, losing consciousness, unconscious or having difficulty breathing, you should see a veterinarian immediately. Depending on your particular situation, your local veterinarian may still want you to contact the Center personally while you bring your pet to the animal hospital.

- 1) ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center @ [1-888-426-4435](tel:1-888-426-4435)
- 2) The National Animal Poison Control Center at the University of Illinois @ [1-800-548-2423](tel:1-800-548-2423)

Be ready to provide:

- Credit card for your pet's case
- Your name, address and telephone number
- Information concerning the exposure (the amount of agent, the time since exposure, etc.). For various reasons, it is important to know exactly what poison the animal was exposed to.
- The species, breed, age, sex, weight and number of animals involved
- The agent your animal(s) has been exposed to, if known
- The problems your animal(s) is experiencing.