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Second Class Requirement 6b4 "Tell what to do for 'hurry cases' of ... ingested poisoning." (Handbook page 168)

Name

- 1. This requirement is about "ingested" poisoning -- not poison ivy etc. on the skin. What do they mean by "ingested"?
 - ____ Poison that the victim swallowed
 - Poison that the victim breathed in, such as carbon monoxide
 - ____ Both the above
- 2. Among young children, poisoning is the most frequent cause of accidental death, since they might swallow anything. In a smart household, potential poisons are all stored in a safe place. Which of these seem like good candidates for safe storage or disposal?

(OK to choose more than one)

- _____ fuels
- ____ battery acid
- ____ peeling wall paint
- ____ pills from a medicine cabinet
- ____ cosmetics
- ____ pesticides
- _____ cleaning products
- household chemicals such as bleach
- household poisons such as rat poison
- _____ spinach or broccoli
- 3. Symptoms to look for in a victim or other clues to look for when a victim has ingested some poison:

(OK to choose more than one)

- ____ nausea
- _____ stomach pains
- _____ vomit on the floor
- ____ burns around the mouth
- _____ abnormal breathing
- _____ spilled liquid on the floor
- _____ a medicine bottle lying around
- _____ spinach or broccoli on the dinner plate

4. Who to call:

(Choose any two)

- _ Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222
- ____ Emergency Information at 9-1-1
- 5. Which of the two numbers do the experts recommend calling first? (Hint: see the footnote below):

(Choose one)

- _ Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222
- Emergency Information at 9-1-1
- 6. What should be in your hands when you make the call:

(Choose any two)

- ____ The telephone
- _____ Any container that you suspect might have contained the poison
- 7. First aid:

(*Choose any three*)

- ____ Treat for shock
- ____ Monitor breathing
- ____ DO NOT give anything by mouth unless told to do so by a professional
- 8. *Gross out alert:* If an ambulance is coming, what can you do during the wait that might help the doctor give the right treatment? Hint: your answer should contain the words "vomit" and "Ziploc bag".

FOOTNOTE: Taken from the Poison Control Center website:

Why should I call the poison center?

Poison experts are at the poison center 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Their help is free and confidential. Calling the poison center is faster and cheaper than calling an ambulance and going to the emergency room, and many poison exposures can be treated at home.

If you have a poisoning emergency call **1-800-222-1222.**