

TOXIC EXPOSURE INGESTIONS

HPI	Signs & Symptoms	Differential Diagnosis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability of substance • Time of exposure • Suspected substance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toxidromes for specific exposure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radiation exposure • Nerve agent exposure • Drug lab exposure • Carbon monoxide • Illicit drug cutting agents

	EMR	EMT	PM
1. Assess for scene safety	•	•	•
2. Remove patient from hazardous environment. Decontaminate to remove continued sources of absorption, ingestion, inhalation, or injection	•	•	•
3. Provide Routine Medical Care - treat life threatening problems with airway, breathing circulation and disability.	•	•	•
4. Obtain ECG and/or 12 lead, monitor Capnography.		•	•
5. Identify intoxicating agent by toxidrome or appropriate environmental clues	•	•	•
6. Contact OLMC for interventions as indicated by identified exposure		•	•

NOTE:

1. Bring container of drug or substance providing that the transport of the item does not pose a safety risk.
4. Do not give patient anything to eat or drink by mouth.
5. Anticipate vomiting, respiratory arrest, seizure, dysrhythmias and refer to indicated protocols.
6. Do not induce vomiting, especially in cases where caustic substance ingestion is suspected.
7. Call Illinois Poison Center (800) 222-1222 for additional information.