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**Saving Lives –  
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# Poisoning



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1. Assess the scene. Gather any information about the suspected poison.
2. Assess the casualty's responsiveness.
3. If casualty is responsive, call Poison Information on:  
**0861 555 777**
4. Answer any questions and follow their advice on first aid.
5. If the casualty is unresponsive, call for medical help i.e. ambulance.
6. If breathing has stopped START CPR. Check for poisonous material around the mouth first. Use a barrier device (face-shield).
7. Place the unconscious breathing casualty into the recovery position.
8. Monitor the casualty until medical help takes over.



**REMEMBER:**

- **DO NOT** let the casualty drink anything unless told to do so by the Poison Info Centre
- **NEVER** make the casualty vomit unless told to do so by the Poison Info Centre
- If the casualty is conscious, wipe poisonous or corrosive material from the casualty's mouth and face and rinse out the mouth if necessary.



**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

Ambulance.....	Emergency Room.....	Family Doctor.....
Poison Info Centre.....	Police.....	Fire.....