

FIRST AID: POISONS



Prevent Poisonings In Your Workplace!

- *Ensure appropriate ventilation where poisonous fumes/vapours are present.*
- *Maintain substances in the original container or label the new container.*
- *Dispose of all poisons safely.*

Poison *n.* poi·son 1. substances that cause injury, illness or death when taken in the body.

DON'T PANIC.

- *Perform Scene Survey. Call 911 if necessary.*
- *Find out as much information as possible about the situation from the casualty or bystander. Call poison control centre.*
- *Perform Primary Survey.*

IF CASUALTY IS UNRESPONSIVE:

- *Give artificial respiration (use a shield or mouth to nose method if necessary).*
- *Place breathing unresponsive casualty in the recovery position.*
- *Give ongoing care until Emergency Medical Team arrives.*

IF CASUALTY IS RESPONSIVE:

Call poison control centre in the region for advice on appropriate First-Aid for the casualty.

