

Poison Facts:

What You Should Know about Syrup of Ipecac

In 2003, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) announced its new policy on poison treatment in the home. The most notable change: The AAP **no longer recommends ipecac** as a home treatment.

- Syrup of ipecac should no longer be used as a poison treatment in the home.
 - Parents and other caregivers should safely dispose of any syrup of ipecac currently in their homes.
 - Activated charcoal should not be given in the home either because its effectiveness and safety in that setting have not been proven.
 - If you suspect a child has ingested a poisonous substance, **call the Poison Control Center immediately.**
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For more poison prevention and first aid information, call the

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