



# CHILDREN and HAND SANITIZER

## Intentional Misuse

### THE ISSUE

Recently, the Georgia Poison Center and Georgia Emergency Rooms have noticed a troubling new trend—children drinking hand sanitizer.



### THE SYMPTOMS

Alcohol poisoning is dangerous!

- Confusion
- Vomiting
- Drowsiness
- Slow or Irregular Breathing
- Blue-tinged or Pale Skin
- Low Body Temperature
- Low Blood Sugars

### THE FACTS

- Most hand sanitizers contain more than 60% ethyl alcohol (ethanol) - more than most hard liquors
- Drinking ethanol-based hand sanitizers can cause alcohol poisoning
- Since 2010, poison centers have seen a 394% increase in hand sanitizer calls to our emergency hotlines

### THE ACTIONS

- Store hand sanitizer in a safe place
- Children should be under careful adult supervision when using it
- Use non-alcohol based products
- Use hand sanitizing wipes
- If you think someone has swallowed hand sanitizer, call 1-800-222-1222.

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