

Public Service Announcement

Dangers of consuming household and industrial products containing alcohol

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The department of Health is reminding the public that household and industrial products containing alcohol are dangerous and should never be consumed.

Products such as hand sanitizer, rubbing alcohol, mouthwash, cleaning products and industrial solvents are not safe for human consumption. Many contain high concentration of alcohol and additives, including toxic chemicals.

Consuming these products can cause serious health effects including alcohol poisoning, seizures, organ failure, blindness and death.

Parents and caregivers should store alcohol-containing household products safely and talk with youth about the dangers of misusing them.

Anyone who becomes unresponsive, has difficulty breathing, seizures or appears confused or disoriented after ingesting one of these products, should receive immediate medical attention at the nearest health centre. Contact local health services for urgent assistance.

Household products that contain alcohol should never be used as substitutes for alcoholic beverages. There is no safe way to consume these products.

For more information, visit the GN website to learn more about [the Risks and Effects of Alcohol Use](#) and [Opioid Drug Overdose Protection](#).

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