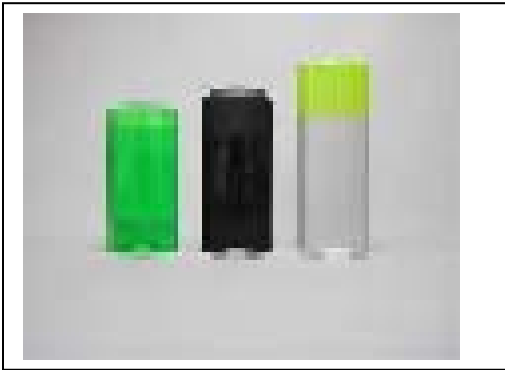


POISONology

SAFETY & FIRST AID TIPS FROM THE ARIZONA POISON AND DRUG INFORMATION CENTER

Stink-remover sticks alluring to tots, seldom harmful



Have you ever put some deodorant on and had your child ask “What’s that?”

They see you use it almost every day and become very interested in the deodorant sticks. They resemble so many other items but a much larger scale – they look like giant chapsticks. As a parent, you know that younger children like to imitate older brothers and sisters, as well as adults. They also are very curious and frequently put things in their mouths.

Poison centers are called daily about children eating or tasting deodorant sticks. These are not considered to be highly toxic. Many of the ingredients are mild irritants to the inside of the mouth. Some people have had allergies to the ingredients, but this is very rare.

The piece ingested is more likely to cause a choking hazard than any other poisoning concern. It is important to make sure a child is not choking and that he or she is able to eat or drink items without any complications. Mild irritation is expected and should resolve within a short period of time.

If you have any questions about deodorant ingestions, please contact your local poison center. This is a very familiar call to poison centers across the country.

Call the tollfree national hotline at 1-800-222-1222 to reach your local poison center. If you live in Arizona outside of Maricopa County, this number will get you to our experts at the Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center in Tucson..