



Nebraska Regional Poison Center Would Like to Alert Parents to the Dangers of Tiki Torch Fuel

In the days leading up to the 4th of July last year, several people across the country were poisoned by torch fuel by mistaking it for apple juice. The Nebraska Regional Poison Center would like to once again remind parents about this product and the dangers associated with it. The fluid that goes into the outdoor tiki torches contains a hydrocarbon, which is similar to lamp oil and gasoline. The liquid is a concern when it gets into the lungs, which often happens when people choke after swallowing it. The symptoms of hydrocarbon poisoning may include difficulty breathing, persistent cough, fever, chest pain and lethargy.

The product is sold in containers that look very similar to apple juice and has been mistaken by parents. Store all of these products and all dangerous chemicals in their original containers out of the reach of children and away from food, preferably in a locked cabinet. Always read labels carefully before using.

If you suspect a poisoning or have any questions please call the Nebraska Regional Poison Center toll-free at 1-800-222-1222.

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