



Published on *British Columbia Drug and Poison Information Centre (BC DPIC)* (<http://www.dpic.org>)

[Home](#) > [FAQs](#) > [Children's Crayons](#) > [Printer-friendly PDF](#)

Children's Crayons

Article type:

poison information

Access:

public



Children's Crayons

What is in it: Most are made from wax.

Is it toxic? If made in Canada or the United States, they are relatively non-toxic. Occasionally, crayons made elsewhere may be contaminated with heavy metals.

Health Effects:

Ingestion: May have laxative effect.

What to do:

Ingestion: Rinse out mouth and drink a small glass of water or milk.

Do not induce vomiting. If symptoms persist after the above first aid measures contact

the Poison Control Centre.

How can I prevent exposure? Teach children not to put things in their mouths. Put crayons away after use. Do not allow young children to play with crayons without adequate supervision.

Need more information: Call the Poison Control Centre.

© 2010 BC Drug and Poison Information Centre

© 2017 BC Drug and Poison Information Centre

All material found on the BC Drug and Poison Information Centre (DPIC) website is provided for informational purposes only. It is *not* meant to replace the expert advice of a healthcare professional such as a physician, pharmacist, nurse or qualified poison specialist. Use of this site is governed and restricted by specific terms of use. Please review the **full terms and conditions** below prior to using the DPIC website. In the event of a poisoning emergency, call your local poison control centre immediately. Portions of this web site are intended for healthcare professionals. Interpretation and application of information may require more detailed explanation than contained herein, particularly regarding any clinical information that is found in or linked to this site. Patients are advised to consult their health care provider regarding diagnosis and treatment, and for assistance in interpreting these materials and applying them in individual cases.

Terms and Conditions

Source URL (retrieved on 2022-07-01 12:50): <http://www.dpic.org/faq/childrens-crayons>