Mouthwash

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*What is in it:* Most mouthwashes contain between 10-27% ethanol (alcohol).

*Is it Toxic?* Unintentional or small ingestions are unlikely to cause concerns.

**Health Effects:**

*Eyes:* May cause irritation but it is usually transient.

*Skin:* May cause irritation or dryness.

*Ingestion:*
May cause burning sensation in mouth.

**What to do:**

**Eyes:** Rinse eyes with lukewarm water with one of the following methods:

- Pour a gentle stream of water from a jug or clean teapot over the eye from the inside corner by the nose, across the eye, flowing out towards the ear.
- Submerge eye in a container (bowl, sink) of lukewarm water. Have patient open and close eye.
- Eye may be irrigated in the shower if this can be accomplished without delay.
- Young children may be wrapped like a mummy in a towel with arms at side and held over sink or tub or laid on counter during flushing.

**Skin:** Wash skin with soap and water.

**Ingestion:** Rinse mouth and drink a small amount of water or juice. If a large amount has been ingested or more than an unintentional ingestion, contact the Poison Control Centre.

**Do not induce vomiting. If symptoms persist after the above first aid measures contact the Poison Control Centre.**

**How can I prevent exposure?** Return product to safe storage immediately after use. Never leave children alone with household products.

**Need More Information:** Call the Poison Control Centre.

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