

Safe Passages

Medication-assisted treatment is a path forward for you on your recovery, but can be a potentially deadly accident for your children.

Emergency Information



Symptoms of Exposure

Symptoms of buprenorphine poisoning in children include:

- drowsiness,
- vomiting,
- slow breathing,
- increased heart rate,
- agitation, and
- unresponsiveness.

Remember: Children may mistake pills or films for candy. Most cases of accidental exposure happens in the child's own home. A small child who chews, licks, or swallows only part of a tablet may become unresponsive, stop breathing, or even die.

If your child is exposed

Children become exposed to potentially lethal medications frequently, but it is vital to seek medical advice as soon as possible following an incident. Follow the following suggestions:

- Call 911 immediately.
- If possible, remove the substance from your child's mouth as soon as possible. If he will not open his mouth, gently squeeze his cheeks in to remove it.
- If the medication is still visible in your child's mouth: remove, swipe, rinse, and have him or her spit.
- Wash any residue of the medication from your child's hands and face.
- Bring remainder of medication with you to the emergency department or give it to emergency medical services when they arrive.
- Stay with the child at the emergency department and while you wait for emergency help.

