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Plants and mushrooms (fungi) poisonous to people

Learn about plants and mushrooms that can be poisonous to people and how to avoid poisoning.

Plants and mushrooms can cause permanent disability or even death. Others may cause rashes, vomiting or other unpleasant, but not life threatening, reactions.

⚠ We've included some poisonous plants and mushrooms, however if a poisoning or suspected poisoning occurs contact us on 13 11 26 (tel:131126) without delay.

Toxicity categories

☠ Category 1 – extremely toxic

These plants are known to cause injury, permanent disability, and in some cases, death. Don't plant these and remove any existing plants you have.

⚠ Category 2– potentially toxic

How toxic these are depend on the level of exposure. You shouldn't grow these where young children will have access to them, such as at preschools and childcare centres. Toddlers may be at greater risk because of their habit of tasting things and small body size. You should supervise children carefully around these plants.

Category 3 – irritant to skin or eyes

These plants can irritate your skin and eyes if you come into contact with their sap, prickles, spines or stinging hairs. Don’t let children near them.

Category 4 – respiratory irritant

Pollen or perfume from this plant can cause breathing problems. This isn't an asthma friendly plant.

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African milk bush (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/african-milk-bush-synadenium-grantii)

Botanical name: *Synadenium grantii*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Agapanthus (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/agapanthus-praecox)

Botanical name: *Agapanthus praecox*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Allamanda (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/allamanda-allamanda)

Botanical name: *Allamanda* spp.

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Amaryllis (Hippeastrum) (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/amaryllis-hippeastrum)

Botanical name: *Hippeastrum*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Angel's trumpet (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/angels-trumpet-brugmansia)

Botanical name: *Brugmansia* spp.

Extremely toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Respiratory irritant

Angel's wings (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/angels-wings-caladium)

Botanical name: *Caladium* spp.

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Arrowhead vine (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/arrowhead-vine-syngonium)

Botanical name: *Syngonium* spp.

Potentially toxic

Arum lily (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/arum-lily-zantedeschia-aethiopica)

Botanical name: *Zantedeschia aethiopica*

Potentially toxic

Asparagus fern (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/asparagus-fern-asparagus)

Botanical name: *Asparagus* spp.

Irritant to skin or eyes

Bellyache bush (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/bellyache-bush-jatropha-gossypiifolia)

Botanical name: *Jatropha gossypiifolia*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Black bean (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/black-bean-castanospermum-australe)

Botanical name: *Castanospermum australe*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Respiratory irritant

Blackberry nightshade (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/blackberry-nightshade-solanum-nigrum-solanum-americanum)

Botanical name: *Solanum nigrum, Solanum americanum*

Potentially toxic

Blue flax lily (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/blue-flax-lily-dianella)

Botanical name: *Dianella* spp.

Potentially toxic

Brazilian nightshade (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/brazilian-nightshade-solanum-seaforthianum)

Botanical name: *Solanum seaforthianum*

Potentially toxic

Brazilian pepper tree (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/brazilian-pepper-tree-schinus-terebinthifolius)

Botanical name: *Schinus terebinthifolius*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Respiratory irritant

Burrawang palm (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/burrawang-palm-lepidozamia-peroffskyana)

Botanical name: *Lepidozamia peroffskyana*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Candelabra cactus (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/candelabra-cactus-euphorbia-lactea)

Botanical name: *Euphorbia lactea*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Respiratory irritant

Candle nut (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/candle-nut-aleurites-moluccanus)

Botanical name: *Aleurites moluccanus*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Castor oil plant (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/castor-oil-plant-ricinus-communis)

Botanical name: *Ricinus communis*

Extremely toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Respiratory irritant

Chalice vine (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/chalice-vine-solandra-maxima)

Botanical name: *Solandra maxima*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Chenille plant (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/chenille-plant-acalypha-hispida)

Botanical name: *Acalypha hispida*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Chilli pepper (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/chilli-pepper-capsicum-frutescens)

Botanical name: *Capsicum frutescens*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Codiaeum (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/codiaeum-codiaeum-variegatum)

Botanical name: *Codiaeum variegatum*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Comfrey (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/comfrey-symphytum-officinale)

Botanical name: *Symphytum officinale*

Potentially toxic

Common thornapple (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/common-thornapple-datura-stramonium)

Botanical name: *Datura stramonium*

Extremely toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Respiratory irritant

Copperleaf (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/copperleaf-acalypha-wilkesiana)

Botanical name: *Acalypha wilkesiana*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Coral plant (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/coral-plant-jatropha-multifida)

Botanical name: *Jatropha multifida*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Crab's eye (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/crabs-eye-abrus-precatorius)

Botanical name: *Abrus precatorius*

Extremely toxic

Crown-of-thorns (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/crown-of-thorns-euphorbia-milii)

Botanical name: *Euphorbia milii*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Respiratory irritant

Cunjevoi (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/cunjevoi-alocasia-brisbanensis-alocasia-macrorrhizos)

Botanical name: *Alocasia brisbanensis, Alocasia macrorrhizos*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Cycads (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/cycads-cycas)

Botanical name: *Cycas* spp.

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Daffodils (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/daffodils-narcissus)

Botanical name: *Narcissus* spp.

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Desert rose (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/desert-rose-adenium-obesum)

Botanical name: *Adenium obesum*

Potentially toxic

Dumbcane (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/dieffenbachia-dieffenbachia)

Botanical name: *Dieffenbachia* spp.

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Duranta (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/duranta-duranta-erecta-duranta-repens)

Botanical name: *Duranta erecta, Duranta repens*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Earth balls (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/earth-balls-scleroderma)

Botanical name: *Scleroderma* spp.

Potentially toxic

Fishtail palm (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/fishtail-palm-caryota)

Botanical name: *Caryota* spp.

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Flamingo flower (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/flamingo-flower-anthurium-andraeanum)

Botanical name: *Anthurium andraeanum*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Foxglove (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/foxglove-digitalis-purpurea)

Botanical name: *Digitalis purpurea*

Extremely toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Frangipani (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/frangipani-plumeria)

Botanical name: *Plumeria* spp.

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Fruit salad plant (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/fruit-salad-plant-monstera-deliciosa)

Botanical name: *Monstera deliciosa*

Potentially toxic

Glory lily (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/glory-lily-gloriosa-superba)

Botanical name: *Gloriosa superba*

Extremely toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Green cestrum (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/green-cestrum-cestrum-parqui)

Botanical name: *Cestrum parqui*

Potentially toxic

Respiratory irritant

Green-spored parasol (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/green-spored-parasol-chlorophyllum-molybdites)

Botanical name: *Chlorophyllum molybdites*

Extremely toxic

Grevillea Robyn Gordon (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/grevillea-robyn-gordon-grevillea)

Botanical name: *Grevillea* spp.

Irritant to skin or eyes

Guatemala rhubarb (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/guatemala-rhubarb-jatropha-podagrica)

Botanical name: *Jatropha podagrica*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Hairy thornapple (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/hairy-thornapple-datura-metel)

Botanical name: *Datura metel*

Extremely toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Respiratory irritant

Haymaker's mushroom (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/haymakers-mushroom-panaeolina-foenisecii)

Botanical name: *Panaeolina foenisecii*

Potentially toxic

Hydrangea (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/hydrangea-hydrangea-macrophylla)

Botanical name: *Hydrangea macrophylla*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Inkweed (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/inkweed-phytolacca-octandra)

Botanical name: *Phytolacca octandra*

Extremely toxic

Potentially toxic

Iris (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/iris-iris)

Botanical name: *Iris* spp.

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Japanese honeysuckle (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/japanese-honeysuckle-lonicera-japonica)

Botanical name: *Lonicera japonica*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Japanese wisteria (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/japanese-wisteria-wisteria-floribunda-wisteria-sinensis)

Botanical name: *Wisteria floribunda, Wisteria sinensis*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Jerusalem cherry (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/jerusalem-cherry-solanum-pseudocapsicum)

Botanical name: *Solanum pseudocapsicum*

Potentially toxic

Lantana (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/lantana-lantana-camara)

Botanical name: *Lantana camara*

- Extremely toxic
- Potentially toxic
- Irritant to skin or eyes
- Respiratory irritant

Mango (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/mango-mangifera-indica)

Botanical name: *Mangifera indica*

- Irritant to skin or eyes

Milky mangrove (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/milky-mangrove-excoecaria-agallocha)

Botanical name: *Excoecaria agallocha*

- Potentially toxic
- Irritant to skin or eyes

Naked lady (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/naked-lady-euphorbia-tirucalli)

Botanical name: *Euphorbia tirucalli*

- Extremely toxic
- Irritant to skin or eyes

Night blooming jessamine (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/night-blooming-jessamine-cestrum-nocturnum)

Botanical name: *Cestrum nocturnum*

- Potentially toxic
- Respiratory irritant

Peace lily (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/peace-lily-spathiphyllum)

Botanical name: *Spathiphyllum* spp.

- Potentially toxic
- Irritant to skin or eyes

Pepperina (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/pepperina-schinus-molle)

Botanical name: *Schinus molle*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Respiratory irritant

Periwinkle (pink or white) (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/periwinkle-catharanthus-roseus)

Botanical name: *Catharanthus roseus*

Potentially toxic

Peruvian lily (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/peruvian-lily-alstroemeria)

Botanical name: *Alstroemeria* spp.

Irritant to skin or eyes

Petty spurge (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/petty-spurge-euphorbia-peplus)

Botanical name: *Euphorbia peplus*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Philodendron (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/philodendron)

Botanical name: *Philodendron* spp.

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Physic nut (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/physic-nut-jatropha-curcas)

Botanical name: *Jatropha curcas*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Pineapple zamia (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/pineapple-zamia-lepidozamia-hopei)

Botanical name: *Lepidozamia hopei*

Potentially toxic

Respiratory irritant

Pink oleander (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/pink-oleander-nerium-oleander)

Botanical name: *Nerium oleander*

Extremely toxic

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Respiratory irritant

Plumbago (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/plumbago-plumbago-auriculata)

Botanical name: *Plumbago auriculata*

Irritant to skin or eyes

Plumbago zeylanica (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/plumbago-zeylanica)

Botanical name: *Plumbago zeylanica*

Irritant to skin or eyes

Poinsettia (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/poinsettia-euphorbia-pulcherrima)

Botanical name: *Euphorbia pulcherrima*

Irritant to skin or eyes

Pokeweed (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/pokeweed-phytolacca-americana)

Botanical name: *Phytolacca americana*

Extremely toxic

Potentially toxic

Pothos (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/pothos-epipremnum)

Botanical name: *Epipremnum* spp.

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Pride of Madiera (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/pride-of-madiera-echium-candicans)

Botanical name: *Echium candicans*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Primula (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/primula-primula)

Botanical name: *Primula* spp.

Irritant to skin or eyes

Privet (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/privet-ligustrum)

Botanical name: *Ligustrum* spp.

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Respiratory irritant

Rhaphidophora (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/rhaphidophora)

Botanical name: *Rhaphidophora* spp.

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Rhubarb (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/rhubarb-rheum)

Botanical name: *Rheum* spp.

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Rhus (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/rhus-toxicodendron-succedaneum)

Botanical name: *Toxicodendron succedaneum*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Sea mango (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/sea-mango-cerbera-manghas)

Botanical name: *Cerbera manghas*

Extremely toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Silky oak (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/silky-oak-grevillea-robusta)

Botanical name: *Grevillea robusta*

Irritant to skin or eyes

Snowflake (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/snowflake-euphorbia-leucocephala)

Botanical name: *Euphorbia leucocephala*

Irritant to skin or eyes

Snow on the mountain (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/snow-on-the-mountain-euphorbia-marginata)

Botanical name: *Euphorbia marginata*

Irritant to skin or eyes

Stinging nettles (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/stinging-nettles-urtica-urens-urtica-incisa)

Botanical name: *Urtica urens, Urtica incisa*

Irritant to skin or eyes

Stinging tree (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/stinging-tree-dendrocnide)

Botanical name: *Dendrocnide* spp.

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Stinkhorn fungi (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/stinkhorn-fungi-aseroe-rubra-phallus-rubicundus)

Botanical name: *Aseroe rubra, Phallus rubicundus* and others

Potentially toxic

Sweet pea (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/sweet-pea-lathyrus-odoratus)

Botanical name: *Lathyrus odoratus*

Potentially toxic

Taro (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/taro-colocasia)

Botanical name: *Colocasia* spp.

Potentially toxic

Tobacco (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/tobacco-nicotiana-tabacum)

Botanical name: *Nicotiana tabacum*

Potentially toxic

White cedar (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/white-cedar-melia-azedarach)

Botanical name: *Melia azedarach*

Extremely toxic

Wild passionfruit (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/wild-passionfruit-passiflora)

Botanical name: *Passiflora* spp.

Potentially toxic

Wintersweet (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/wintersweet-acokanthera-oblongifolia)

Botanical name: *Acokanthera oblongifolia*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Yellow oleander (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/yellow-oleander-cascabela)

Botanical name: *Cascabela* spp.

Extremely toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Yellow staining mushroom (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/yellow-staining-mushroom-agaricus-xanthodermus)

Botanical name: *Agaricus xanthodermus,A. placomyces, A. moelleri*

Potentially toxic

Yesterday, today and tomorrow (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/yesterday-today-and-tomorrow-brunfelsia-australis)

Botanical name: *Brunfelsia australis*

Potentially toxic

Zamia (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/zamia-macrozamia)

Botanical name: *Macrozamia* spp.

Potentially toxic

Respiratory irritant

Zanzibar gem (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/zanzibar-gem-zamioculcas-zamiifolia)

Botanical name: *Zamioculcas zamiifolia*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

Zigzag plant (https://www.poisonsinfo.health.qld.gov.au/plants-and-mushrooms/zigzag-plant-euphorbia-tithymaloides)

Botanical name: *Euphorbia tithymaloides*

Potentially toxic

Irritant to skin or eyes

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