

Hazardous Drugs and Fluids at Home (Group 2 Drugs)

A guide for parents

There are medicines that can be helpful for treating an illness, but can be harmful if it touches your skin. We call these **hazardous drugs**.

I am giving my baby this hazardous drug:

Follow these instructions on how to care for yourself and your baby while they are taking a hazardous drug.

What you will need

- ☐ **Nitrile gloves** – Buy these at any pharmacy or medical supply store.
- ☐ **Medical masks** – Buy these at any pharmacy or medical supply store.
- ☐ **Medicine syringes** – Your pharmacy will give these to you.
- ☐ **Cleaning supplies** – Wipes, paper towel, soap, laundry detergent

How to give the medicine

To prepare and give the medicine:

1. Put on 2 pairs of nitrile gloves.
2. Put on a medical mask – Liquid medicine can splash.
3. Fill the medicine syringe to the correct amount by pulling back on the plunger while the tip is in the liquid.
4. Give your baby the medicine.
5. Keep your gloves on.

How to clean up after giving the medicine

1. With your gloves still on, pull the plunger out of the barrel of the syringe.
2. Hand wash the plunger and the barrel with soap and water.
3. Allow the both parts to air dry.
4. Take the gloves off and throw them away in a regular garbage can.
5. Wash your hands again with soap and water.
6. Take off your mask by the ear loops with your clean hands. Do not touch the front of the mask.
7. Throw the mask away in the garbage.
8. Put the medicine away. Keep it in a place away from food, children, and pets.

Common problems

Medicine gets in the eye:

- Rinse the eye with tap water for at least 15 minutes.
- Call your family doctor.

Medicine has expired or no longer needed:

- Return the medicine to the nearest pharmacy.

Call either number if you have any questions:

Fraser Health Virtual Care

1-800-314-0999

10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., 7 days a week

fraserhealth.ca/virtualcare

HealthLinkBC.ca

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Wait until an interpreter comes on the phone.

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