

Fluoride Warnings



“Warnings. Keep out of the reach of children under 6 years of age. If more than used for brushing is accidentally swallowed, get medical help or contact a Poison Control Center right away.”

— It is Colgate’s message to me on the outside of the tube of toothpaste I purchased at Walgreens because I am made to understand Colgate and Walgreens want to keep me healthy and do not want to harm me in any way by threatening my health. (Cavities, as we all know, harm our teeth and teeth are part of our body.)

- I better get medical help or contact the Poison Control Center right away if I am bitten by a rattlesnake or a tiny coral snake. Why? People die if bitten and don’t get the poison out of their body right away.
- Then why should I contact the Poison Control Center right away if I swallow toothpaste? Toothpaste is not a poisonous, deadly snake. Toothpaste, the message on the outside of the toothpaste tube says “Cavity Protection” in oversized print. If that’s the case, why should I rush to get medical help or contact the Poison Control Center? Medical help for what? Did the toothpaste poison me or not?
- Should Colgate and Walgreens be prosecuted for conspiracy to commit murder and premeditated murder? Well, not murder. Attempted murder would be more accurate today — I am still alive. What about tomorrow?