

Fact Sheet

National Reye's Syndrome Foundation



Babysitter / Caregiver Handout

What is Reye's Syndrome?

Reye's Syndrome, a deadly disease, strikes swiftly and can attack any child, teen, or adult without warning. All body organs are affected, with the liver and brain suffering most seriously. While the cause and cure remain unknown, research has established a link between Reye's Syndrome and the use of aspirin and other salicylate containing medications, over the counter products, and topical use products.

Commonly found in a medicine cabinet, and commonly used over the counter medications that contain aspirin include:

Low-Dose Aspirin
Pepto-Bismol – Liquid, Chewables & Caplets
Insta-cool
Pepto-Bismol To Go
Kaopectate
Maalox
Alka-Seltzer
Anacin
Doan's Pills
Excedrin
Ascriptin
BC Powder
Bufferin
Goody's Aspirin
Norwich
Pamprin
Vanquish
Anything by Bayer

← This is not a complete list, so check the medicine label for these ingredients: →

If any of these ingredients are listed on the label, do not give to children under 19 years of age.

Acetyl Salicylic Acid
Aluminum Acetyl Salicylate
Ammonium Salicylate
Amyl Salicylate
Arthropan
Benzyl Salicylate
Bismuth Sub-salicylate
Butyloctyl Salicylate
Calcium Acetyl Salicylate
Choline Salicylate
Ethyl Salicylate
Ethylhexyl Salicylate
Lithium Salicylate
Methyl Salicylate
Methylene Disalicylic Acid
Octisalate
Octyl Salicylate
Procaine Salicylate
Sal Ethyl Carbonate
Salicylamide
Salicylanilide
Salicylate
Salicylic Acid
Salicylsalicylic Acid
Santyl
Santylal Salicylate
Sodium Salicylate
Stroncyate
Strontium Salicylate
Sulfosalicylic Acid
Tridecyl Salicylate
Trolamine Salicylate
Willow Bark
Spiraea
Meadowsweet
Neam

Homeopathic and Herbal Remedies:

Do not give children under the age of 19 anything that contains:

- Willow Bark
- Spiraea
- Meadowsweet
- Neam

For more information: www.reyessyndrome.org, or 800.233.7393