

5 COMMON POISONOUS SUBSTANCES (& THEIR CLINICAL SIGNS) HORSES



1. Poison Hemlock | Water Hemlock

Nervousness
Trembling
Incoordination
Coma
Sudden Death

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Trembling
Incoordination
Violent Behavior
Muscle Tremors
Convulsions
Sudden Death

2. Yew (all spp.)

Extreme Toxicity Levels*

Dizziness Rash
Dry Mouth Cyanotic Lips
Salivation Hypotension
Muscular Tremors & Weakness
Difficulty Breathing (Respiratory Collapse)
Sudden Death from Acute Heart Failure

5. Avocado

Fruit, Leaf, Skin, Pit

Colic
Diarrhea
Cyanotic Mucus Membranes
Severe Swelling
Lethargy
Loss of Appetite
Edema
Mastitis
Respiratory Distress
Neurologic Dysfunction
Heart Failure
Sudden Death

4. Tansy Ragwort

Diarrhea or Constipation
Weight Loss
Weakness
Lethargy
Photosensitization
Incoordination or Ataxia
Depression
Liver Failure
Jaundice
Ascites
Death

3. Nightshade Plants

Tomato, Potato, Horse Nettle, Black Nightshade, Bittersweet Nightshade & [some] Groundcherry

Diarrhea Loss of Muscular Coordination
Dilation of Pupils Paralysis of Rear Legs
Drowsiness Sudden State of Depression
Loss of Appetite Apparent Hallucinations
Nasal Discharge Bradycardia
Labored Breathing Coma
Trembling

If your **HORSE** ingests any of these substances, or if you notice any of the above symptoms:

1. Contact your veterinarian immediately and / or
2. Contact the aspca animal poison control center at 888-426-4435

<https://njaes.rutgers.edu/fs938/>

<http://www.horsedvm.com/poisonous/tansy-ragwort/>

<https://aaep.org/sites/default/files/issues/MedicineLorbiecki.pdf>