What to do if someone has taken your Methadone or Buprenorphine?

Ring 000 immediately if a child has swallowed Methadone or Buprenorphine. Give the paramedics the medication packaging.

If a child or an opiate naïve person may have taken your Methadone or Buprenorphine they may:

- be sleepy or drowsy
- be pale
- be flat and have no energy
- perspire (sweat)
- have trouble breathing

Not sure if someone has taken your Methadone or Buprenorphine.
If you think a child or an opiate naïve person may have taken your Methadone or Buprenorphine:

- take them immediately to the emergency department of a hospital or call an ambulance
- take the container with you
- tell the staff the time you think they took the Methadone or Buprenorphine

Methadone, Buprenorphine (Subutex®, Suboxone®) and other drugs of dependence can be very dangerous to children and other people.

Helpful numbers
Ambulance attendance ph: 000
Poison Information Centre ph: 13 11 26

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DOs

- **DO leave your medication labeled and packaged as the pharmacist provides it to you.**

- **DO lock your medication in a receptacle to help prevent other people and animals accessing it.**

- **DO call an ambulance if you think a child or someone else has taken your Methadone or Buprenorphine.**

DON’TS...

- **DON’T store your Methadone or Buprenorphine in the fridge.**

- **DON’T leave your Methadone or Buprenorphine in the car.**

- **DON’T keep your Methadone or Buprenorphine on you ...eg in handbag or pockets. Leave it locked up at home.**

- **DON’T ever tamper with the packaging.**

- **DON’T take your Methadone or Buprenorphine in front of children or others.**

- **DON’T ever give your Methadone or Buprenorphine to anyone else.**

DO call an ambulance if you think a child or someone else has taken your Methadone or Buprenorphine.