

AVOID WILD MUSHROOMS, CDSS WARNS COMMUNITY CARE LICENSEES

The California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division (CDSS) is alerting Californians, specifically community care facility licensees that collecting, serving, and eating wild mushrooms can cause serious illness and even death.

According to the California Poison Control System, every year across the United States, more than 9,000 cases of mushroom ingestions are reported to the American Association of Poison Control Centers. Many hundreds of these cases of mushroom ingestions occur each year in California.

Eating wild mushrooms has caused multiple illnesses, hospitalizations and deaths. Eating poisonous mushrooms can cause abdominal pain, cramping, vomiting, diarrhea, liver damage and death. Individuals who develop any of these symptoms after eating wild mushrooms should seek medical attention. Individuals with symptoms, or their treating health care providers, should immediately contact CPCS at 1-800-222-1222.

For more information on poisonous mushrooms, please see the California Poison Control System web at: <http://www.calpoison.com/public/mushrooms.html>

Licensees are reminded that they must contact their local licensing office when an event that impacts the health and safety of those in care occurs. A list of licensing offices is available at:

- Child Care Facilities: <http://www.cclid.ca.gov/res/pdf/CCListingMaster.pdf>
- County Licensed Child Care Facilities: <http://www.cclid.ca.gov/PG878.htm>
- Childrens Residential Care Facilities:
http://www.cclid.ca.gov/res/pdf/childres_rolist.pdf
- Adult and Senior Care Facilities: <http://www.cclid.ca.gov/res/pdf/ASC.pdf>