

# 5 COMMON POISONOUS SUBSTANCES (& THEIR CLINICAL SIGNS) HORSES



## 1. Poison Hemlock | Water Hemlock

Nervousness  
Trembling  
Incoordination  
Coma  
Sudden Death

Nervousness  
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