

Hemlock

Do not eat or touch this plant

Every part of this plant is poisonous.
Eating even a small amount can kill.

Keep children, dogs and livestock away.

If any of it is eaten:

Do not wait for symptoms.

1. Call 999 or go to Accident and Emergency straight away.
2. Do not try to make the person sick.
3. Do not give them anything to eat or drink.
4. If it is safe to do so, take a piece of the plant to show the doctors.

Touching it can cause a rash and sore eyes. Wear gloves to handle it.
If it gets on your skin or in your eyes, rinse with plenty of clean water and get medical advice.
If an animal eats any of it, call a vet straight away.

How to recognise it: Usually 1.5 to 2.5 metres tall, with a smooth stem blotched with purple, fine fern-like leaves and small white flowers in umbrella-shaped heads in June and July. It smells unpleasant when crushed and is easily mistaken for Cow Parsley.

If you have concerns about this site, contact:

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