

Hemlock Water Dropwort

Do not eat or touch this plant

One of the most poisonous plants
in the United Kingdom.
Eating any part of it, the roots included, 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.

Its sap can cause a rash and blisters. 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: Up to 1.5 metres tall in wet ground and beside water, with hollow stems, leaves like flat-leaved parsley that smell of parsley or celery, white flowers in umbrella-shaped heads in June and July and roots that form long tubers like small parsnips.

If you have concerns about this site, contact:

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