



# POISON IVY

## TOOLBOX TALK SERIES – INJURY PREVENTION

Week 3 and Week 4 – April 2022

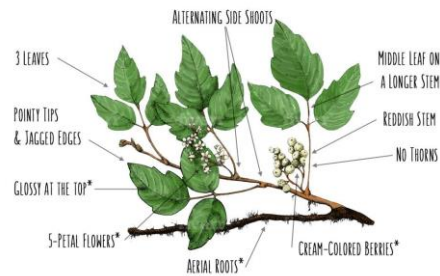


- Leaves typically alternate back and forth along stalk
- They typically appear as a climbing or straggling vine
- They can have greenish five petal flowers
- They can have whitish hard berry like fruit

### Identification

Leaves of Three, Let it Be

- Compound leaves will have three leaflets.
- The stalk of the middle leaflet is much longer than the stalk of the two side leaflets. Stalks are reddish.
- Edges can be smooth or course toothed.
- Surface can be glossy or dull.



### First Aid for Poison Ivy Exposure

Severity of symptoms differ between individuals

- Wash skin as soon as possible.
- Use cold compress, calamine lotion, or hydrocortisone cream to ease itching.
- Call doctor if rash develops near eyes or covers large parts of the body.
- Call 911 if you have a severe reaction.



Worst Symptoms are typically seen at day 4 to 7 of exposure. Rashes can last 1 to 3 weeks.

### Tips for Avoiding Exposure



- Stay out of areas where poison ivy is known to be.
- Wear Long pants, sleeves, goods and gloves when possible.
- Wash any clothing, tools, and equipment exposed to poison ivy. Oils can remain for a long time.
- Never burn poison ivy. Burning plants can release oils causing widespread exposure.

REPORT POISON IVY EXPOSURES ON AN EMPLOYEE ACCIDENT REPORT