







Energy Drinks: Are they Safe?

What you should know

- **♦** Energy drinks are beverages that contain large doses of caffeine and/or non-caffeine stimulants.
- **♦** Look for these ingredients on the label:

<u>Caffeine Stimulants :</u> <u>Non-Caffeine Stimulants :</u>

Methylxanthines Ginseng
Theine Ma-huang
Mateine Ephedra

Guaranine/Guarana Other ephedra-like substances

Methyltheobromine 7 Methyltheophylline

- ♦ Caffeine and non-caffeine stimulants are used to increase energy, enhance mood, and delay sleep.
- ♦ Symptoms of caffeine poisoning may include: nausea, vomiting, nervousness, tremor, insomnia, restlessness, delirium, sweating, headache, seizures, and increased heart rhythm
- **♦** Use caution with energy drinks in combination with exercise, alcohol and medicines.
- ♦ Contact your pharmacist, physician or the Poison Control Center (1-800-222-1222) if you have questions.



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