



**Summer Hazards**

(One in a series of discussions about summer health problems)

Q. Is there a sure way of recognizing the poison ivy plant?

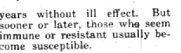
A. Poison ivy leaves are of various sizes, shapes and colors, depending on the season of the year, but they always grow in threes. A few other plants such as strawberry and raspberry, grow leaves in threes but it is usually not too hard to tell them from ivy.

Q. Can you get poison ivy by just going near an ivy plant?

A. With one exception, actual contact with the plant is probably necessary. Smoke given off from burning ivy may contain enough ivy "poison" to cause trouble. In this case actual contact with the plant is not necessary.

Q. Is it true that some people are not affected by poison ivy?

A. Yes, at least for a time. One person may have a severe case of poison ivy after only the slightest contact with the plant. Another may work around poison ivy and even handle it for years without ill effect. But sooner or later, those who seem immune or resistant usually become susceptible.



Q. How can poison ivy be prevented?

A. The best preventative is avoiding the plant. If you come in contact with poison ivy, or even suspect that you have touched the plant, wash the affected area as soon as possible with lots of soap and water. If soap isn't handy use kerosene, gasoline or alcohol. According to a Canadian doctor, one of the best ways to prevent poison ivy rash is by use of a lotion or cream containing a chemical which neutralizes or blocks the ivy poison before it gets a chance to cause skin trouble.

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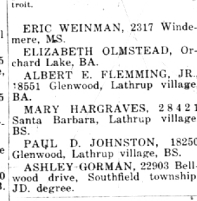
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