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IT'S TIME FOR A
TOOL BOX TALK

POISON IVY

Poison Ivy produces a colorless oil that oozes from any broken or crushed leaf or stem called urushiol.

Urushiol penetrates the skin and causes a delayed allergic skin reaction of redness and swelling followed by blisters and severe itching to 85% of the population.



Poison Ivy is a plant with three parted leaves. It sometimes has reddish stems and/or glossy leaves. Poison Ivy plants may have small white berries.



Protection:

Stay away from poison ivy.

Poison ivy grows where meadows and lawns become woods, as a vine winding into trees or as a bush 1 to 3 feet high.

Wearing long pants and long sleeve shirts, as well as pulling socks over your pant legs will help to reduce exposure to poison ivy plants.

Treatment:

There is no medical cure.

Calamine lotion, oatmeal baths, cool showers and compresses can help reduce discomfort.

The redness and swelling followed by blisters and severe itching of a poison ivy reaction usually takes about 10 days to heal.