

5 “Accidental Ingestion / Suffocation”

“Accidental ingestion / suffocation” are common causes of accidental injuries in Atsugi for elderly and children.

Elderly Injury Cases in Atsugi

- An elderly man has clogged meat in his throat.
- An elderly woman accidentally ingested dishwashing liquid.

Adult Injury Cases in Atsugi

- A woman clogged rice cakes in her throat.
- An elderly woman accidentally ingested laundry detergent.

Children and Infant etc. Injury Cases in Atsugi

- An infant girl accidentally ingested a cigarette.
- A boy put an adhesive tape in his mouth and accidentally swallowed it.

Preventive Measures for Accidental Ingestion and Suffocation

▪ Be careful while eating

Food is the most common cause of choking. Putting a lot of food in your mouth or eating it while it is large could easily clog your throat. Avoid choking from foods by chopping hard foods such as rice cakes or meat into small pieces and eat them in slow pace little by little.

▪ Keep dangerous items stored and organized

Young children and babies learn about the world by putting things in their mouth. Keep hazardous objects including buttons, batteries, coins and other objects with small parts out of their sight and reach.

☆ Take extra care for the prevention of accidental ingestion since it may occur a serious threat to breathing and causes death.