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PRÉFÈTE D'INDRE-ET-LOIRE

CYANOBACTERIES IN THE RIVERS OF WATER D'INDRE-ET-LOIRE: BE VIGILANTS

Microorganisms, called cyanobacteria, sometimes colonize the bottom of rivers, in summer or early autumn. They form on the surface of pebbles plates (biofilms) of green / dark brown color, which can detach and accumulate on the edges (flocs, clumps of algae). They can cause fatal poisoning for dogs.

To avoid risks, it is important to know the common sense precautions to implement, simple and each of which is responsible. Recognizing the symptoms of intoxication also helps to adapt your behavior.

WHAT PRECAUTIONS TAKE ABOUT CYANOBACTERIA IN RIVERS?

Watch out for children!



Do not swim outside
authorized and monitored sites

Avoid ingesting water

Do not play with
sticks or pebbles having been
immersed or with deposits
of algae, do not bring them to
the mouth.

Take a shower after
swimming

Do not practice activities
leisure activities (canoeing,
activities
nautical areas ...) in areas where
clumps of algae are
accumulated

Watch out for animals(risk of canine mortality)!



Keep dogs on a leash

Do not let them access
at the river / bathing area

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF CYANOBACTERIAL TOXIN POISONING?

After a swim:

irritation (of the skin, eyes ...),
or buttons ...

if swallowed: tremors,
fever, abdominal pain,
muscle pain, nausea,
vomiting ...



Get prompt medical attention or call 15



After drinking the water from the river or
played with sticks or pebbles, or eaten
seaweed: tremors hind legs, loss of
balance, condition anxious, nausea,
globular eyes, drool ...

**Take him quickly to a veterinarian, if possible
having recovered any vomit**

