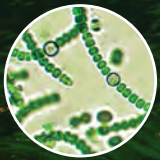


Cyanobacteria Harmful Algae Blooms Can Make People and Animals Sick



Cyanobacteria are natural bacteria that live in water. They are not really algae! Blooms can be bright green or blue-green and often look like scum or paint on the water.



Some cyanobacteria produce **toxins** that can make people and pets sick.

People are exposed to the toxins by swallowing affected water.

If there is a bloom:



Don't swim, wade or play in the water



Never drink or cook with affected water



Don't let pets play in the water, eat the scum or lick the scum from their fur

Most at risk



Infants, if the water is used for their formula



Children age 6 and younger



Dogs



People age 60 and older and those with health conditions

Be aware and take action



Look out for diarrhea, vomiting or flu-like illness. Seek medical care if symptoms continue. Seek veterinary care right away if your dog gets sick.



When in doubt, stay out!