

POISON-IVY-OAK-SUMAC!

Three outdoor plants all belonging to the same family which caused skin irritation from the oily substance left on the skin from the leaves. IVY--grows

as a climbing plant on trees, poles and along fences in underbrush. SUMAC is a shrub or small tree and has white berries. OAK is closely related to the ivy in that it grows more like a vine than a tree. It has nothing to do with the oak tree. Its leaves are deeper notched and grow in clusters of three.

The ivy leaves grow in clusters of three. It is not necessary to actually touch the leaves to get the oil on the skin. It can be carried on a shoe, glove or tools that have come in contact, and hold the deposit of oil until your skin touches or removes it.

How do you know when you have it? Skin becomes itchy and swollen and small blisters form. DON'T SCRATCH THESE BLISTERS. Wash the area with warm water and soap to remove the oil, and apply Alcohol, Calamine lotion or baking soda solution. If severe, call a doctor. Injections can be secured to prevent this poisoning.

