

# Pain reliever basics for teens

Teens are gaining the skills to make decisions on their own. That includes learning how to understand a Drug Facts label and safely take over-the-counter (OTC) medicines.





The reason to use TYLENOL® or MOTRIN® is the same: They both relieve pain and reduce fevers.

The **active ingredient** in TYLENOL® and MOTRIN® is different.

TYLENOL® contains acetaminophen.

#### MOTRIN® contains ibuprofen.

• Ibuprofen is an **NSAID** (pronounced "EN-sed"), a **N**onsteroidal **A**nti-Inflammatory **D**rug

Check the Drug Facts label every time you take medicine. Different pain relievers have different directions and warnings. Here are some key sections.

#### **Drug Facts**

#### **Active ingredient**

Ingredient that makes the medicine work

#### Uses

Symptoms the medicine treats

#### Warnings

Possible side effects, other medicines not to take at the same time, and when to stop use

#### **Directions**

The amount (dose) of the medicine to take, how often to take it, and how much you can safely take in one day



The active ingredients acetaminophen and ibuprofen are in many medicines.

Take ONLY 1 medicine that contains the same kind of active ingredient at a time...

...because this helps reduce the chance of taking too much of the same kind of medicine, which can be harmful.

DON'T share your medicine or take someone else's...

**...because** what's right for one person may be harmful to another.

**All** medicines—OTC medicines and prescriptions—should always be taken with the approval and supervision of a parent or trusted adult.



# TYLENOL® and MOTRIN® Dosages

TYLENOL® and MOTRIN® have different active ingredients.

#### IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPER USE

Always read and follow the label on all TYLENOL® and MOTRIN® products.

### TYLENOL® Regular Strength Liquid Gels and Tablets



Use products only as directed

ACTIVE INGREDIENT	DOSE & FREQUENCY	DIRECTIONS
Acetaminophen 325 mg	Adults and children 12 years and over: Take 2 liquid gels/tablets every 4-6 hours while symptoms last Children 6 years to under 12 years:	Adults: Do not take more than 10 liquid gels/tablets in 24 hours, unless directed by a doctor  Children 6 years to under 12 years: Do not take more than
(in each gel/tablet)	Take 1 liquid gel/tablet every 4-6 hours while symptoms last  Children under 6: Ask a doctor	5 liquid gels/tablets in 24 hours, unless directed by a doctor  Children under 6: Ask a doctor

# TYLENOL® Extra Strength Caplets, Coated Tablets, Rapid Release Gels, and Dissolve Packs







Use products only as directed.

ACTIVE INGREDIENT	DOSE & FREQUENCY	DIRECTIONS
Acetaminophen 500 mg (in each caplet/tablet/ gelcap/powder)	Adults: Take 2 caplets/tablets/gelcaps/powders every 6 hours while symptoms last Children under 12: Ask a doctor	Adults: Do not take more than 6 caplets/tablets/gelcaps/powders in 24 hours, unless directed by a doctor  Children under 12: Ask a doctor

## **MOTRIN® IB Liquid Gels** and **Caplets**



Use products only as directed

ACTIVE INGREDIENT	DOSE & FREQUENCY	DIRECTIONS
Ibuprofen (NSAID)* 200 mg (in each capsule)	Adults and children 12 years and over: Take 1 capsule or caplet every 4-6 hours while symptoms last; if pain or fever does not respond to 1 capsule or caplet, 2 capsules or caplets may be used  Children under 12: Ask a doctor	Adults: Do not take more than 6 capsules or caplets in 24 hours, unless directed by a doctor  Children under 12: Ask a doctor

<sup>\*</sup>Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug.

Find out how to store and dispose of OTC medicines safely at GetReliefResponsibly.com »