



# Adverse incident reporting relating to swallowing



## What do I report?

Healthcare staff should report the following swallowing related incidents or “near misses” using local risk management systems (e.g. Datix).

### EATING DRINKING AND SWALLOWING ADVERSE INCIDENT REPORTING INCLUDES:

#### Trigger 1: Choking episodes

- Any person who chokes following eating, drinking and swallowing (including those requiring assistance from staff such as back slaps or abdominal thrusts).

#### Trigger 2: Speech and language therapy, eating, drinking and swallowing recommendations not being followed

- Incorrect IDDSI level of food or fluids provided to a person.
- Current recommendations not shared or handed over.
- Medications given in an incorrect texture or format.
- Supervision recommendations not followed.

#### Trigger 3: Mismanagement of thickening products

- Thickening products not stored securely (risking accidental consumption and potential obstruction).
- Thickening products not provided when moving between care settings or discharge home.

#### Trigger 4: Relevant Trust Policy to support eating, drinking and swallowing not being followed

- Risk assessments / safeguarding protocols not followed.

#### Data Approvers:

- For incidents relating to choking, eating, drinking or swallowing use the regionally agreed **CCS2 code; Patient accident; Choking**.
- If an incident involves medication highlight that a medication is involved alongside choking.

**Improving patient's safety is everyone's responsibility.  
Improve Care, Report and Share!**