When taking a blood thinner it is important to be aware of its possible side effects. Bleeding is the most common side effect.

Call your doctor immediately if you have any of the following signs of serious bleeding:

- Menstrual bleeding that is much heavier than normal.
- Red or brown urine.
- Bowel movements that are red or look like tar.
- Bleeding from the gums or nose that does not stop quickly.
- Vomit that is brown or bright red.
- Anything red in color that you cough up.
- Severe pain, such as a headache or stomachache.
- Unusual bruising.
- A cut that does not stop bleeding.
- A serious fall or bump on the head.
- Dizziness or weakness.

Some people who take a blood thinner may experience hair loss or skin rashes, but this is rare.