

Poison Prevention Tips

- Lock poisons out of your child's sight and reach. Use child safety locks on cabinets in all areas of your home.



- Ask for and use medicines and household products with child-resistant packaging. Child-resistant packaging is not completely child proof and may only slow children down.

- Keep medicines in a locked box (a tool or tackle box, for example). Place box high on a shelf out of sight and reach of young children.

- Keep an eye on children when a poisonous product is within reach or being used. Many times a person is poisoned when a product is in use. If the phone or doorbell rings, take the poison with you.



- Call medicine "medicine," not candy. Children often mistake medicine for candy and overdose.

- Medicine should not be taken in front of children. They like to imitate.

- Check with other caregivers to avoid double doses.



- Keep purses and diaper bags out of reach of your child. They could contain medicine or other potential poisons as well as choking hazards.

- Keep indoor plants out of reach of children, and keep an eye on children playing outdoors. Keep name tags on all plants.



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- Keep products in their original containers. Many products can be mistaken for something good to eat or drink when poured into a glass or bottle.
- Keep medicines in the original labeled container. This is to ensure who the medicine is for, what it is and when it should be taken.
- Store dangerous products away from food or drinks, especially products found in the kitchen, bathroom and medicine cabinet.
- Empty containers may still contain small amounts of liquids. Be sure trash is safe by rinsing empty containers.
- Always read the label before giving medicine or using chemicals.
- Properly dispose of chemicals, like paint removers, gasoline and antifreeze.



Keep this number by your phone

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Home Check List

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at home

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Home Check List

It only takes a second for a poisoning to occur, and many times it happens when the poison is being used. An easy way to make your home safer is to walk through each room and ask yourself these questions...

Kitchen

- Are cleaning products stored out of reach or in locked cabinets?
- Are cleaning supplies stored away from food?
- Do you rinse bottles before throwing them in the trash?
- Are medicines stored in high cupboards and off counters and windowsills?
- Do harmful products (drain cleaners, medicine, furniture polish) have child-resistant packaging?
- Are potentially harmful products stored in their original containers?



Garage

- Are harmful products like antifreeze, windshield wiper fluid, weed-killers, pesticides and fertilizers locked up?
- Do all poisons have child-resistant packaging?
- Do you carefully read and follow instructions on bug sprays and pesticides?
- Are products like gasoline stored in their original containers and not in bottles or containers that look like someone's favorite fruit juice or soda?



Bathroom

- Are all medicines stored in a locked cabinet or box?
- Are all medicines in their original containers?
- Do you discard old medicines regularly?
- Do medication containers have child resistant caps?
- Are caps tightly screwed on all containers?
- Are your windowsills and tabletops free of harmful products?
- Is your bathroom vanity free of beauty supplies?
- Is your toothpaste, mouthwash or any cosmetics out of reach?



Bedroom

- Are medicines kept off dressers and bedside tables?
- Are perfumes and cosmetics out of reach?
- Have you removed all medicines from unused purses?



Living Room/Den

- Are plants safely out of reach?
- Are purses and diaper bags placed out of reach?
- Are room fresheners and potpourri products out of reach?



Basement/Laundry

- Are soaps, detergents and cleansers stored safely?
- Are disinfectants and deodorizers stored safely?
- Is paint stored out of reach?



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