

## POISON PREVENTION TIPS

- Save the Poison Help number - 800-222-1222 - in your phone and post in your home for caregivers and visitors.
- Always use medicines and household products with child-resistant caps. Child-resistant does not mean completely child proof, and may only slow children down.
- Don't leave a child alone in a room with cleaning products, chemicals or medicines. When the phone rings or the doorbell sounds, take the child with you.
- Call medicine "medicine," not "candy." Children often mistake medicine for candy.
- Medicine should not be taken in front of children. They like to imitate adults.
- Keep purses, diaper bags and backpacks 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 and be watchful of children playing outdoors. Keep original identification tags on or near all indoor/outdoor plants.
- Keep medicines, cleaning products and chemicals in their original containers. Many products can be mistaken for something to eat or drink if poured into a glass or bottle.
- Always read the label before using cleaning products, chemicals or giving any medicine. If you have questions, call the poison center.
- Chemicals, cleaning products and medicines should be stored away from food or drinks, never in the pantry.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors and check them every six months.
- Know which devices in your home use button batteries, and keep button batteries out of the reach of children.



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Poison & Drug Information

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# Home Checklist

We have answers to your home safety questions

Is your home safe? Help avoid poisoning in the home by asking yourself the following questions...

## KITCHEN

- Are cleaning products stored out of reach or in locked cabinets?
- Are cleaning products stored away from food?
- Do you rinse bottles before throwing them in the trash or recycling bin?
- Are medicines stored in high cabinets and off counters and windowsills?
- Do all medicines have child-resistant caps?
- Are all harmful products stored in their original containers and not stored under the sink?
- Are you using child safety locks on all cabinets?

## BATHROOM

- Are all medicines in their original containers and stored in a locked cabinet or box?
- Are all safety caps tightly closed on all medicines and containers?
- Is your bathroom counter free of beauty and cleaning products?
- Are disinfectants and deodorizers stored out of reach and out of sight?

## LAUNDRY ROOM

- Are all laundry products (liquids, powders and single-use packs) stored out of reach and out of sight?

## BEDROOM

- Are medicines kept off of dressers and bedside tables?
- Are perfumes and beauty products out of reach?
- Have you removed all medicines and beauty products from unused purses, luggage and overnight bags?

## LIVING ROOM / DEN

- Are plants out of reach?
- Are purses, diaper bags, and backpacks out of reach?
- Are all medicines, cleaning products and tobacco products out of reach and out of sight?

## GARAGE / PATIO

- Are harmful products like antifreeze, windshield wiper fluid, weed-killers, pesticides and fertilizers locked up?
- Do all harmful products have child-resistant caps?
- Do you carefully read and follow instructions on bug sprays and pesticides?
- Are products like gasoline, tiki torch fuel and paint being stored in their original containers?

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