

Poison Prevention Tips

Storage Tips:

- Store medicines and products in their original containers.
- Lock medicines and household products where children cannot see or reach them.
- Use child-resistant packaging. Replace the caps tightly.
- Store household products in a different place from food and medicine.
- Keep purses and briefcases out of children's reach.

Prevent Poisoning from Medicines:

- Read the label before taking or giving medicine.
- Use medicine only as directed by your doctor or the label.
- Call medicine by its proper name, not "candy".
- Take medicine in a place where children cannot watch, because children learn by imitating adults.

Prevent Poisoning from Products and Plants:

- Use household products according to label directions. Mixing household products can cause dangerous gases to form.
- Keep house plants out of children's reach. Even if the plants are not poisonous, they might cause choking.

Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning:

- Keep appliances, furnaces, fireplaces, and wood-burning stoves in good repair.
- Install a carbon monoxide alarm.

General Poison Prevention Tips:

- When answering the phone or the door, take open products (or your children!) with you.
- Put the poison center number on or near your phone.
- Keep ipecac syrup on hand. Use it only if the poison center tells you to.
- Be sure that every home where your child spends time is poison-proofed.



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