

In the kitchen:

- Soap and dishwashing detergent
- Furniture polish
- Carpet cleaner
- Drain cleaner
- Ammonia
- Oven cleaner



In the garage, basement and storage areas:

- Antifreeze
- Motor oil
- Paints
- Paint thinner
- Gasoline and kerosene
- Herbicides, pesticides and fertilizer
- Pool supplies

Throughout the home:



Alcohol
Tobacco
Plants
Mothballs

Note: Both formulations of mothballs, naphthalene and paradichlorobenzene, are toxic. However, naphthalene is the more toxic of the two.

Don't allow children to play with purses. There are many things in a purse that can be hazardous including make-up, perfumes and medications.

Install a Carbon Monoxide Detector in your Home

Follow the **BEFORE**,
WHILE and
AFTER Rule

BEFORE using a cleaning product, read the instructions on the bottle.

WHILE using the cleaning product, never leave it alone. A child may find it.

AFTER using a product, put it back in a locked cabinet. Make sure the container is closed tightly.

If you think someone has been poisoned, call the

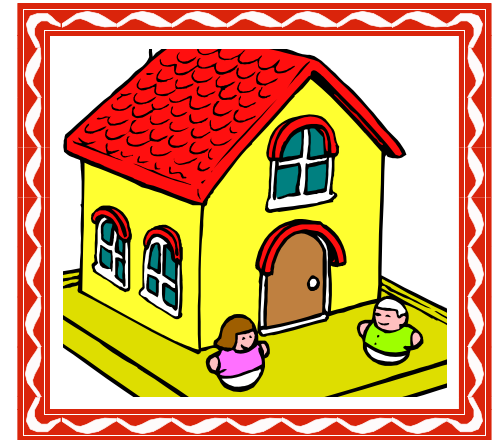
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A poison is something that can cause injury, illness or death if you eat it, drink it, breathe it, get it on your skin or in your eyes.

Many household products are safe to use if you follow the instructions carefully. However, these same products can hurt you if they are used the wrong way, in the wrong amount, or by the wrong person.



Poisons can be solids, liquids, sprays or gases.

Solids: Since medications are one of the most common poisons, be sure to use child resistant caps.

Liquids: Liquids are quickly swallowed in large amounts and are easily absorbed by the body.

Sprays: Aerosol sprays may cause heart and lung damage if inhaled. They can also scratch your eye. Sprays often contain very dangerous products such as paint and insecticides which may explode.

Gases: Invisible poisons include carbon monoxide, tobacco smoke and exhaust fumes.

You can keep your family safe from poisons by following these safety tips:

ALWAYS:

- Teach children to always ask a grown up before tasting, touching or smelling anything.
- Use safety locks on all cabinets and drawers.
- Store all medicines, chemicals and other dangerous products out of sight and out of reach of children, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Keep poisons stored in their original containers. Make sure they are clearly labeled. Never store poisons in drink or food bottles. Children can not tell the difference.
- Read the label directions on all products before using them.
- Store medicines in child-resistant bottles whenever possible. Remember that the caps are only meant to delay the child's access to the contents inside, they are not child-proof.
- Avoid taking medicine in front of children. Young children often imitate grown-ups.
- Keep alcohol away from children. Even small amounts can cause problems.
- Keep purses and diaper bags out of reach.
- Know which plants around your home can be poisonous.

NEVER:

- Leave a young child alone with a potential poison, not even for a minute.
- Call medicine candy. Medicine and candy look alike and children cannot tell the difference.

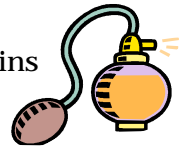
There are poisons in virtually every room of your home.

Survey your home to identify poisons. A good way to conduct the survey is to go through the house on your hands and knees so you can view your home from the perspective of a small child.

As you survey your home, you may find the products listed below.

In the bedroom:

- Perfume
- Medicine and vitamins
- Hairspray
- Make-up



In the bathroom:

- Medication (prescription and over the counter)
- Mouthwash and toothpaste
- Shaving lotion
- Aftershave
- Shampoo/hair care products
- Make-up
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Rubbing alcohol
- Deodorizer/sanitizer

