

Children Act Fast...So Do Poisons!!

Parents must always be watchful when household chemicals or drugs are being used. Many incidents happen when adults are using a product, but are distracted (e.g.: by the telephone or the doorbell) for a few moments. Children act fast, and adults must make sure that household chemicals and medicines are stored away from children at all times.

CHILDREN CAN GET VERY SICK IF THEY ARE POISONED. CHILDREN AGES 1 TO 3 ARE AT HIGHEST RISK.

Young children may put anything in their mouths. This is part of learning. Many household products can be poisonous if swallowed, if in contact with the skin or eyes, or if inhaled.

There are generally no antidotes for most poisoning.

COMMON EXAMPLES of HARMFUL SUBSTANCES

MEDICINES: Aspirin, acetaminophen, tranquilizers, sleeping pills, iron pills, prescriptions



Which one is candy?

HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS: Moth balls, furniture polish, drain cleaners, weed killers, insect or rat poisons, lye, paint thinners, dishwasher detergent, antifreeze, windshield washer fluid, gasoline, kerosene, lamp oil.

- Small children can get protective caps off bottles faster than most adults.
- Children do not always admit the truth or truly know the amount ingested.
- Children share, even with pets.
- Teach toddlers and young children to "always ask first" before touching or sampling something new.



Which one is fruit juice?

SAFETY RULES

- Keep harmful products locked up and out of your child's sight and reach.
- Use safety latches or locks on drawers and cabinets where you keep dangerous items.
- Take extra care during stressful times.
- Call medicine by its correct name. You do not want to confuse the child by calling medicine candy.
- Always replace the safety caps immediately after use.
- Never leave alcohol within a child's reach.

- Seek help if your child swallows a substance that is not food. Don't make your child vomit. Call the poison center.
- Keep products in their original containers. Never put non food products in food or drink containers.
- Read labels with care before using any product.
- Teach children not to drink or eat anything unless it is given by an adult.
- Do not take medicine in front of small children. Children tend to copy adult behavior.
- Check your home often for old medications and get rid of them by flushing by flushing them down the toilet.
- Get rid of substances used for old-fashioned treatments such as oil of wintergreen, boric acid, ammoniated mercury, oil of turpentine, and camphorated oil.
- There is more of a danger of poisoning when you are away from home, especially at a grandparent's house.



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TELEPHONE NUMBERS BY
YOUR PHONE.**

DOCTOR: _____

HOSPITAL: _____

**POISON HELP LINE:
800 222-1222**



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