

Poison Prevention Tips



- Place 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 caps. Child-resistant does not mean 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.
- Don't leave a child alone in a room with cleaning products, chemicals or medications. Children can be poisoned in seconds. When the phone rings or the doorbell sounds, take cleaning products, chemicals and medications 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 adults.

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- 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 and be watchful of children playing outdoors. Keep name tags on household plants for identification.
- Keep medicines and chemicals in their original containers. Many products can be mistaken for something to eat or drink when poured into a glass or bottle.
- Always read the label before using chemicals or giving any medicine.
- Store dangerous products away from food or drinks. Chemicals, cleaning products and drugs usually found in the kitchen, bathroom and medicine cabinet never belong in the pantry.
- Empty containers may still contain small amounts of liquids. Rinse empty containers before throwing away.



Keep this number by your phone!

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Home Check List

**Poison Proof
Your Home
Today!**

**Oklahoma Poison
Control Center**
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24 hour help-line answered by specially trained pharmacists and registered nurses.

Home Check List

**It only takes a second
for a poisoning to occur.**

Is your home safe?

**Ask yourself
the following
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 caps?
- Are potentially harmful products stored in their original containers and out from under the sink?

Bathroom

- Are all medicines in their original containers and stored in a locked cabinet or box?
- Are all safety caps tightly closed on all containers?
- Are your windowsills and tabletops free of harmful products?
- Is your bathroom counter free of beauty and cleaning supplies?

Bedroom

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

Living Room/Den

- Are plants safely out of reach?
- Are purses and diaper bags placed up out of reach?
- Are all ashtrays clean and/or out of reach?

Basement / Laundry



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

Garage

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



**In Oklahoma,
almost 60% of
poisonings occur
among children
under the age
of 5**

Be Safe - Be Sure!



Call Right Away!