



What if? Safety Tips: Poison Prevention

Nine out of 10 poisoning cases occur in the home. In 2011, nearly 5,000 children under the age of 10 were treated in Florida emergency rooms for poisoning.

When it comes to poison prevention, Safe Kids Worldwide recommends:

- Store all household products out of children's sight and reach. Young kids are often eye-level with items under the kitchen and bathroom sinks. So any bleach, detergents, dishwasher liquid or cleaning solutions that are kept there should be moved.
- Store poisonous items out of reach or use safety locks on cabinets within reach. These items also include detergent pods for the laundry and dishwasher. It only takes a few minutes, and it gives you one less thing to worry about.
- Read product labels to find out what can be hazardous to kids. Dangerous household items include makeup, personal care products, plants, pesticides, lead, art supplies, alcohol and carbon monoxide.
- Keep cleaning products in their original containers and throw out any that you aren't using.
- Watch for lead paint and remove any peeling paint or chewable surfaces.
- Put the toll-free number for the Poison Control Center (1-800-222-1222) into your home and cell phone. You should post it near your phone or on your refrigerator for the babysitter.

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