



MAKE SAFE HAPPENSM

HOUSEHOLD POISONS

BEFORE YOU BUY:

- Make sure to read all product labels so you know which of your household products are possibly poisonous for your children.

USING AND STORING:

- Make sure all your products remain in their original containers so that everyone knows what they are.
- Choose products with child-resistant packaging whenever possible.
- While using the products, make sure they are always in sight. Ideally, use them when children are not around.
- Install safety locks, latches and doorknob covers to keep children from opening drawers, cabinets, closets and doors where poisonous products are stored.
- Keep all medicines and vitamins – for you and your pets – away from children. Keep them in a locked medicine box or up and out their sight and reach.
- Teach your children not to put berries, flowers or plants in their mouths.
- Learn together as a family how to identify dangerous plants such as poison oak, ivy and sumac.

DISPOSING:

- Get rid of all expired household items, which may be poisonous, and dispose of them properly.

TALKING TO CAREGIVERS:

- If someone else is cleaning around the house for you and taking care of your children, be clear about keeping all poisonous items stored away. Leave written reminders to always keep an eye on the items and always store them after every use.
- Teach older kids the dangers of leaving poisonous household items out or even showing them to their younger siblings.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

- If you think your child may have gotten into or swallowed any household poison, call the Poison Help line 1-800-222-1222 or 911 right away.
- Do NOT make them vomit; do not use ipecac or charcoal, until you speak with someone at the Poison Help line or a medical professional.
- Put the Poison Help number into your home and cell phones, and in a highly visible place (like the refrigerator) where all caregivers can see it.

DOWNLOAD THE MAKE SAFE HAPPEN APP

Developed in partnership with the safety experts at Nationwide Children's Hospital, the app helps you make your home safer. Get room-by-room safety checklists, link to recommended products, and set reminders.



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