

Household Poisons



It is important to be aware of the potential poisons currently in the home. Children are most at risk for poison exposures from household products, as they do not have the ability to distinguish between safe and unsafe things that look very similar. Although children are most at risk, this is an issue that can affect anyone.



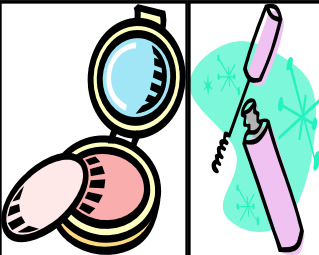
Household Cleaners:

- Store household cleaners and other poisons in a high, locked cabinet out of reach of children
- Never mix these products, as very dangerous toxic fumes can result
- Never store chemicals in food or drink containers. Keep them in their original, labeled containers
- Read and follow the directions on the bottle or container. Improper use can result in painful chemical burns or other serious consequences



Plants:

- Know the names of all plants in and around your home
- Plants have two names: the common name and the scientific name. It is good to know both.
- This information can be obtained by contacting your local garden centre or landscaping company
- Keep plants out of the reach of children, as they can be poisoned very easily if they touch or ingest some plants



Cosmetics and Personal Care Items:

- Cosmetics, perfumes, shampoos, powders, mouthwashes, and other personal care items can be poisonous if ingested by young children



If you suspect a poisoning has occurred, contact the Poison Centre immediately by dialing 1-800-565-8161
In case of emergency, dial 911



Alcohol:

- Alcohol is absorbed by the body very quickly, much faster than food
- Alcohol poisoning is very serious and can have tragic results, and can even lead to death



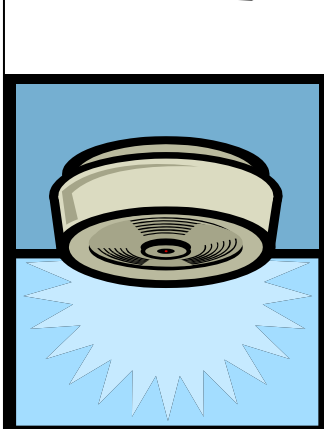
Pest Killers:

- Children and pets are especially vulnerable to unintentional pesticide poisonings, due to their small size and curiosity
- When selecting a pest control method, keep in mind that mouse traps and glue traps generally do not contain substances that are poisonous to pets or children
- Mouse and rat baits are laced with chemicals that can be very dangerous to humans and animals
- These types of baits are attractive to pets and young children because they are often brightly coloured, easily accessible, and smell/taste like food



Carbon Monoxide:

- Carbon monoxide is known as a silent killer: it is an odorless and colorless gas that can cause severe illness and death
- Common household sources include exhaust from vehicles, home heating systems, household appliances
- Don't use a gas generator inside your house, basement, or garage
- Never run your vehicle inside the garage with the door closed



If you have any questions, contact the Poison Centre 24 hours a day by dialing 1-800-565-8161