



Where Are The Poisons In Your Home?

Many products found in and around your home can be a danger if they are not used and stored correctly. Since they are familiar products, you just may not "see" them as potential poisons. Check this list to see how poison proof *your* home is.

- **In plant pots and in your yard:** Plants that you use to decorate the inside and outside of your home are a common poisoning hazard for children and are also a choking risk.
- **In your bathroom, kitchen, and laundry room:** where you use cleaning products. Many household poisonings happen while products are in use -- not while they are in storage. Always keep possession of the product while working with it, or place it far out of the reach of children. If you need to answer the phone or door -- take the product or the child along. *Never leave the child alone with the product.* Don't leave vitamins, medications and products that contain alcohol, such as after-shave lotion, on open counter tops.
- **In your garage or basement:** where you store pesticides, fertilizers, automotive products and paints. Take care with products that come in brightly colored containers without child-resistant lids. Always store products in their original containers – don't put them in soda bottles or food containers.
- **In your bedroom:** if you leave everyday products like perfume, make-up, nail polish and medications on dresser tops or bedside tables.
- **In your purse or bag:** if it contains medication and cosmetics as well as the gum and candy that attract children. Always keep purses and bags in a safe place out of the reach of children.
- **In cupboards and on shelves:** if you store potentially poisonous products within reach of children or without child safety locks.

Remind grandparents, other relatives, neighbors, babysitters and *anyone* your child spends time with to store potential poisons out of the sight and reach of children and to know the number of the Indiana Poison Center.

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1-800-222-1222

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How well do *you* score on the Home Poison Safety Check List?

	Yes / No	
Do you have the Indiana Poison Center number, 1-800-222-1222 posted on all the telephones in your home?.....	___	___
Do you store household products/medicines out of sight and reach of children?	___	___
Do you keep all your medicines/household products in their original containers?	___	___
Do you keep all your medicines in child-resistant containers with labels? (Remember: child-resistant does not mean child- <i>proof</i>).....	___	___
Do you store all your medicines separately from household products?	___	___
Do you keep medicines/cosmetics off countertops, windowsills, and bedside tables?	___	___
Do you avoid taking medicine in front of children?.....	___	___
Do you take care not to refer to medicine as “candy”?.....	___	___
Do you always supervise young children when they take medicine?.....	___	___
Do you always read and follow the directions on the label before using products?	___	___
Do you dispose of all expired, unused and unlabeled medicines correctly?....	___	___
Do you keep purses and diaper bags out of the reach of children?.....	___	___
Do you store all your food and household products separately?	___	___
Do you always return products to safe storage <i>immediately</i> after use ?	___	___
Do you avoid mixing cleaning products?.....	___	___
Do you have name labels on all the plants and shrubs at your home?.....	___	___
Have you given the Poison Center number to grandparents, babysitters, etc?	___	___
Have you taken the time to talk to your child(ren) about poison safety?.....	___	___

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