

SAFETY TIPS: HOUSEHOLD POISONS SAFETY



Poisoning is the second leading cause of unintentional death in the United States, behind only motor vehicle accidents.

Take the following steps to make your home poison-safe:



Properly close caps on medicines, vitamins and herbal supplements



Ensure all battery compartments on toys and games are securely closed



Keep items in their original containers with the labels intact



Install a carbon monoxide detector and check the batteries twice a year



Never mix household cleaning products together—mixing can cause poisonous gasses



Keep all medicines (including vitamins and herbal supplements), household cleaning products, and garden chemicals on high shelves or in locked cabinets where children can't see or reach them



Follow the directions on pesticide labels and be sure to remove children, pets and toys from treated areas

Nearly half of the 2 million calls to Poison Help Numbers last year involved children ages five and under and nine out of 10 poisonings occurred at home.

Most importantly, post the National Poison Help number by your home phone and program it into cell phones: **800.222.1222**

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