Common Household Poisons

Medicines:
over-the-counter and prescription medicines, vitamins, supplements

Household cleaners:
detergents, bleaches, furniture polish

Personal care products/cosmetics:
make up, lotions, perfumes, deodorants, mouthwash

Outdoor products:
pesticides, gasoline, paint thinner, anti-freeze

Seasonal items:
glow sticks, fireworks, carbon monoxide, button batteries

Medication Safety Tips

Storing Medicine Safely
- Keep medicines in a locked area
- Put medicine back after every use
- Keep medicine in original containers
- Safely dispose of medicines once you are no longer taking them

Using Medicine Safely
- Read the label and follow directions carefully
- Keep a list of all the medicines you take
- Never call medicine candy
- Teach children to ask an adult before touching or tasting anything

Disposing of Medicine Safely
- Take unused medicine to a drug drop-off location
- Avoid flushing or throwing medicines in the trash

Commonly Asked Questions

Who answers the phone when I call?
A licensed pharmacist certified as a specialist in poison information.

When should I call 911 instead of the poison center?
If the person is not breathing, is unconscious, or is having a seizure.

Can I call if it is not an emergency?
Yes, the poison center answers information calls.

Does it cost money to call the poison center?
No, all calls to the poison center are free.

How to Get Help Fast

Call Poison Control right away!
Don’t wait for the person to look or feel sick.
You will be asked:
What happened and when?
What was the poison?
How much of the poison was involved?
What is the person’s:
- Age?
- Weight?
- Other health problems?
- How are they feeling now?