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THE POISON PREVENTION SCRIPT

Summer Safety Tips

Summer in Arizona means sunshine, cool summer nights, lounging by the pool, and the occasional beach trip. Summer also means kids home with not much to do. With children spending more time at home during the summer months, accidental poisonings can become a greater concern.

In this issue we will cover three areas of summer safety. Indoor safety, outdoor safety and travel safety. Wherever your summer plans may take you, we have a few tips to help you and your family play safely this summer.



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Summer Safety Tips:

Wherever your summer adventures may take you, whether that's a road trip to a cooler spot or just relaxing at home the poison prevention measures discussed below can help keep you cool, calm, and collected this summer. Even when the temperatures reach the high 100's.

Indoor Safety

- **Up, Locked, and Away:** Store all medications (including vitamins) and cleaners in high cabinets and ideally secured with child-resistant safety latches.
- **Button Batteries:** Lithium button batteries can react with saliva to create an electrical current making them especially dangerous.
- **Houseplants:** Keep potentially toxic indoor plants out of a child's reach. Consider keeping a list of plants inside and outside of the home to ensure you are prepared if a child or pet encounters a plant in the home.

Outdoor Safety

- **Backyard Chemicals:** Store pesticides, lighter fluid, and any other hazardous chemicals out of sight and reach of children and pets. Never transfer chemicals to empty food or drink containers for storage. Always keep items in original child resistant packaging.
- **Pool Chemicals:** Never mix different pool chemicals together, as this can create toxic gases. Thoroughly wash hands after the handling of chemicals. Ensure all chemicals are stored out of reach of children and pets.

Travel Safety

- **Secure Medication:** Keep all medicines in their original containers and stored in a locked container or travel bag. Never leave them out in the open where children or pets can find them.
- **Hotel Dangers:** Hotel rooms and rental homes often lack child-proofing. Watch children closely and move any accessible cleaning supplies or room fresheners to higher ground. Consider investing in a travel Carbon Monoxide alarm system as some rentals don't have them.

For more information:



Scan the QR code or visit [SafeKids.org](https://www.SafeKids.org) to find more resources for children's summer safety





National Safety Month

June is National Safety Month!

Established by the National Safety Council (NSC) in 1996, the annual initiative is dedicated to increasing awareness about preventable injuries and deaths in the workplace, on the road, and at home. Each week of June we are encouraged to focus on a different aspect of safety.

- Week 1: Emergency Preparedness and First Aid
- Week 2: Slips, Trips, and Falls
- Week 3: Heat-related Illness and Road Safety
- Week 4: Employee Wellbeing



In the Community: Babysitting Poison Prevention

During the summer months our educators partner with local fire departments to help teach a babysitting preparedness course. These classes teach the importance of safety topics such as fire safety, poison prevention, first aid, and more! If you have a child who may look after younger siblings or other children consider reaching out to your local community center, library, or fire department to enroll your child or request a class.

Pictured on the right is our educator Taylor Hedges, MPH, CHES teaching a poison prevention course in Coolidge, AZ this past fall.



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Resource Spotlight: MotherToBaby Arizona



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MotherToBaby Arizona provides information about medications and other exposures before pregnancy, during pregnancy, while breastfeeding, and in cases of adoption. Our service provides information to patients, families, healthcare providers, and the general public. We are proud to be a part of the Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center at the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy.

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Our board-certified genetic counselor provides free, evidence-based, and up-to-date information on any exposure, including:

- Over-the-counter medications
- Prescription medications
- Vitamins and supplements
- Alcohol and recreational drugs
- Vaccinations or immunizations
- Diseases or infections
- Chemicals
- Pesticides
- Occupational exposures
- Paternal exposures

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