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## **FACT SHEET**

Poisons can be found in everyday items located in all areas of your home – kitchen, closets, bathrooms, attic, garage, dining room, laundry room, storage areas and basements. To help prevent accidental poisoning, follow these poison prevention tips.

### **Poison Prevention Tips**

- Use child-resistant containers (but remember: child-resistant containers are not completely childproof).
- Keep potentially poisonous products in their original containers (see below for product list).
- Place potentially poisonous products out of reach immediately after use.
- Put poison stickers on all poisonous products in and around your home, and teach children what the stickers mean.
- For more information on poison stickers and other educational materials, visit the Poison Control Center at <http://www.poisoncontrol.org/>
- Keep emergency numbers (including the National Poison Center) next to your phone.

### **Make sure these products are stored safely:**

- Prescription and over-the-counter medications (including aspirin and vitamins).
- Disinfectants, deodorants and air fresheners.
- All kinds of sprays.
- Polishes and cleansing powder.
- Fertilizers and weed killers.
- Insect and rodent poison; slug bait.
- Paint remover and turpentine.
- Cosmetics.
- Soaps, detergents and shampoo.
- Toilet bowl and drain cleaners.
- Lye and bleach.
- Kerosene and lighter fluids.
- Insect repellent.
- Mothballs and pesticides.

**Note:** Special care should also be taken with house plants as many may be poisonous if eaten by humans or pets.



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## What do I do when someone is poisoned:

- If it is a life-threatening emergency, call 9-1-1. If you suspect a possible poisoning—or for more information on potential poisons—call the National Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222.
- Be prepared to answer the following questions:
  - What was taken? (Exact name of the product.) Bring product container to the phone if possible.
  - When was it taken?
  - How much was taken?
  - Who took it? Body size makes a big difference in determining a poisonous dose.
  - The name, condition, age and weight of the patient.
  - Address and telephone number from where you are calling.

The nationwide toll-free number for poison control centers, **1-800-222-1222**, is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call for assistance with poisoning emergencies, questions about a specific poison, or view the **Poison Control Website** at <http://www.poisontcontrol.org/> for information about poison prevention, stickers, etc.