



Medications are the leading cause of child poisoning.

- Put medicine up and away and out of reach.**
Make sure all medicine and vitamins are stored out of children's reach and sight.
- Consider products you might not think about as medicine.**
Products such as: diaper rash remedies, vitamins, eye drops, and hand sanitizer can be harmful to children.
- Don't refer to medicine as candy.**
This may encourage children to take medicine on their own.
- Model responsible medicine use.**
- Teach children that medicine should always be given by an adult.**
Children should know that they should not take medicine on their own.
- Use only the dosing device that comes with liquid medicine.**
Kitchen spoons aren't all the same and won't measure the same amount as a dosing device.
- Consider places where kids can get into medicine.**
Place purses and bags in an out-of-reach location, and avoid leaving medicine where children have access to it.

Poison Control Number: 1-800-222-1222

Poisons can be found everywhere in the home - such as the bathroom, kitchen, laundry room and garage.

Use the checklist below to prevent poisoning.

- Be prepared.** Ensure the poison control number is in, on, or near your phone.
- Store medicines and household cleaning products **in locked cabinets, out of reach and sight of children.**
- Install a carbon monoxide alarm in every sleeping area of your home.**
- Poison proof every home** where your child spends time.
- Ensure hazardous household products are **kept out of children's reach.**
- Never carry something that can be poisonous** in a purse or coat where children may find it.
- Buy small quantities of hazardous household products.** Discard unneeded extras safely.
- Store household products in a different place from food and medicine.**
- Keep button batteries out of reach of children.**
- Keep drugs and alcohol out of reach of children.**