



## 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?**