

Nationwide Poison Control Phone Number: 1-800-222-1222

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), the American Association of Poison Control Centers, and the Poison Prevention Week Council have established a national toll-free telephone number for poison control centers. The number, 1-800-222-1222, provides everyone in the U.S. with free access - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - to their regional poison control center.

Children Act Fast...So Does Poison!

A poison exposure is the ingestion of, or contact with, a substance that can produce toxic effects. Both children and poisons act fast. The following information outlines the responsibility placed upon parents, grandparents and other caregivers in preventing poisonings in the home.

Most Dangerous Poisons:

Medicines - including iron pills

Cleaning products - including those that can cause burns such as drain cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, oven cleaner, rust remover, bleach, pool cleaning supplies

Antifreeze

Windshield washer fluid

Hydrocarbons - including furniture polish, lighter fluid, lamp oil, kerosene, turpentine and paint thinner

Carbon monoxide

Pesticides and fertilizers

Mushrooms

Houseplants - including philodendron, lily, and berries from mistletoe and holly.

Prevention is the key. Keep these and other dangerous items out of children's reach.

What to do if a Poisoning Occurs:

Stay calm.

Call Poison Control at 1-800-222-1222 and have the following information ready:

- Child's condition, age and weight
- Product bottles or containers (type of poison ingested)
- Time of poisoning
- Your name and telephone number

Follow instructions from the Poison Control Center and **DO NOT** induce vomiting unless instructed to do so.