HOLIDAY SAFETY

Poisonings often occur when there is a distraction in the home or change of routine. Holiday activities, decorating, or entertaining guests can create plenty of distractions. Keep visitors' bags, purses, and luggage out of reach of children. Grandma's purse may contain medication that could be harmful or fatal to a small child.

Be sure to check all new electronics and toys for small coin-shaped button batteries. They are extremely dangerous if swallowed.

DON'T WAIT FOR SYMPTOMS TO APPEAR

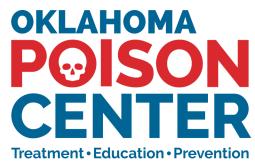
Plants are a common non-medication call to poison centers during the holidays. Effects from eating plants depends on the amount eaten.

- Mistletoe In large amounts eating leaves and berries can cause vomiting, and may lower blood pressure.
- Holly Berries Eating three or more berries can cause an upset stomach and vomiting.
- Poinsettia In most cases children have no symptoms or only minor stomach upset or vomiting. The plant sap may cause a rash. Wash the skin well with soap and water.



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If you have questions about holiday plants, decorations or toy safety call 1-800-222-1222. Specially trained pharmacists and nurses are available 24/7 to answer your questions or assist you with an emergency.



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