POISON PREVENTION TIPS

• Save the Poison Help number - 800-222-1222 - in your phone and post in your home for caregivers and visitors.

• Always use medicines and household products with child-resistant caps. Child-resistant does not mean completely child proof, and may only slow children down.

• Don’t leave a child alone in a room with cleaning products, chemicals or medicines. When the phone rings or the doorbell sounds, take the child with you.

• Call medicine “medicine,” not “candy.” Children often mistake medicine for candy.

• Medicine should not be taken in front of children. They like to imitate adults.

• Keep purses, diaper bags and backpacks out of reach of your child. They could contain medicine or other potential poisons as well as choking hazards.

• Keep indoor plants out of reach and be watchful of children playing outdoors. Keep original identification tags on or near all indoor/outdoor plants.

• Keep medicines, cleaning products and chemicals in their original containers. Many products can be mistaken for something to eat or drink if poured into a glass or bottle.

• Always read the label before using cleaning products, chemicals or giving any medicine. If you have questions, call the poison center.

• Chemicals, cleaning products and medicines should be stored away from food or drinks, never in the pantry.

• Install carbon monoxide detectors and check them every six months.

• Know which devices in your home use button batteries, and keep button batteries out of the reach of children.
Is your home safe? Help avoid poisoning in the home by asking yourself the following questions...

**KITCHEN**
- Are cleaning products stored out of reach or in locked cabinets?  
- Are cleaning products stored away from food?  
- Do you rinse bottles before throwing them in the trash or recycling bin?  
- Are medicines stored in high cabinets and off counters and windowsills?  
- Do all medicines have child-resistant caps?  
- Are all harmful products stored in their original containers and not stored under the sink?  
- Are you using child safety locks on all cabinets?

**BATHROOM**
- Are all medicines in their original containers and stored in a locked cabinet or box?  
- Are all safety caps tightly closed on all medicines and containers?  
- Is your bathroom counter free of beauty and cleaning products?  
- Are disinfectants and deodorizers stored out of reach and out of sight?

**BEDROOM**
- Are medicines kept off of dressers and bedside tables?  
- Are perfumes and beauty products out of reach?  
- Have you removed all medicines and beauty products from unused purses, luggage and overnight bags?  
- Are medicines kept off of dressers and bedside tables?  
- Are purses, diaper bags, and backpacks out of reach?  
- Are all medicines, cleaning products and tobacco products out of reach and out of sight?

**LIVING ROOM / DEN**
- Are plants out of reach?  
- Are purses, diaper bags, and backpacks out of reach?  
- Are all medicines, cleaning products and tobacco products out of reach and out of sight?

**LAUNDRY ROOM**
- Are all laundry products (liquids, powders and single-use packs) stored out of reach and out of sight?

**GARAGE / PATIO**
- Are harmful products like antifreeze, windshield wiper fluid, weed-killers, pesticides and fertilizers locked up?  
- Do all harmful products have child-resistant caps?  
- Do you carefully read and follow instructions on bug sprays and pesticides?  
- Are products like gasoline, tiki torch fuel and paint being stored in their original containers?

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