



Backdoor Reading from Your Parish Nurse

POISON PREVENTION MONTH

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"A Child is accidentally poisoned every 30 seconds! And more than 50% of all poisoning occurs at home to children under 5 years old."

Children are poisoned by insect sprays, cleaners, paints, bleach, perfumes and medicines. Is your child at risk? Your grandchild? Friend, neighbor? Keep medications, cleaning products, or

chemicals out of reach and out of sight of children. Install safety latches on cabinets and drawers. Never refer to a medication as candy and don't make a game of taking medicine. Discard old medications by flushing them down the toilet, never in the trash can. Do not take medicine in front on your child.

They like to imitate. Learn the proper names of plants in and around your home, and determine if they are poisonous. Keep syrup of ipecac in your home, but always call your poison control center before using it.



Cincinnati Poison Control Number (513) 636-5111

Special Points of Interest:

- ☺ Store products in their original container
- ☺ Poisons comes in containers similar to foods.
- ☺ An example of this is apple juice and pine cleaner.
- ☺ Pesticides can be absorbed through the skin
- ☺ Teach children about poisonous substances

Children and Plants

Know the names of plants in your home and your yard. Teach your children not to eat mushrooms growing in the backyard. Some are poisonous. Teach children not to

eat leaves or berries that grow in the yard. Do not assume a plant is safe to eat if you see wild animals eating it. Keep children away from plants that have been recently

sprayed with weed killer, bug killer or fertilizer.

Have poison control number near your telephone and show it to your babysitter.

