

Hazard: Poisonous Products in Reach of Children

Identity of Hazard(s): It's not just chemicals in your home marked with clear warning labels that can be dangerous to children. Everyday items in your home, such as household cleaners and medicines, can be poisonous to children as well.¹

Primary Health Outcome(s): Poisoning¹

Health Alert! Every day, over 300 children in the United States ages 0 to 19 are treated in an emergency department, and two children die, as a result of being poisoned.²

Gain Control: Actions You Can Take¹

- Keep medicines in their original bottles or containers.
 - Dispose of unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs.
 - Always read the label before using a product that may be poisonous.
 - Keep chemical products in their original bottles or containers. Do not use food containers such as cups, bottles, or jars to store chemical products such as cleaning solutions or beauty products.
 - Never mix household products together. For example, mixing bleach and ammonia can result in toxic gases.
 - Wear protective clothing (gloves, long sleeves, long pants, socks, shoes) if you spray pesticides or other chemicals.
 - Turn on the fan and open windows when using chemical products such as household cleaners.
 - Store all medicines and household products up and away and out of sight in a cabinet where a child cannot reach them.
 - Secure the child safety cap completely every time you use a medicine.
 - After using them, do not leave medicines or household products out. As soon as you are done with them, put them away and out of sight in a cabinet where a child cannot reach them.
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Local Resources for Detroit Residents:

- Children's Hospital of Michigan Regional Poison Control Center: (800) 222-1222

¹<http://www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Poisoning/preventiontips.htm>

²<http://www.cdc.gov/safechild/poisoning/index.html>