

Poison Proof Your Home



Poisoning is the second leading cause of unintentional home injury fatality, resulting in one quarter of all home injury deaths.

According to the American Association of Poison Control Centers, 92 percent of poison exposures occur in the home.

Make sure all potentially dangerous products (household cleaners, medicines, and typical garage items like antifreeze and pesticides) all have child resistant closures on them, are locked up, and are stored in high places.

Store food and non-food products separately. This protects consumers in the event of a leak in the product and reduces a possible confusion between items.

Make sure all medicines and prescriptions have not expired.

Homes with young children should have child locks installed on cabinets.

Immediately mop up puddles of anti-freeze and car oil in the garage or driveway. They are extremely harmful to children and pets.

Read the use and storage directions before using products. Original labels on product containers often give important first-aid information.

Wear gloves and follow manufacturer's instructions when using harsh chemicals or cleaners.



Do not mix household products; a dangerous gas might form.



Put the national Poison Control Hotline 1.800.222.1222 in every phone

Learn more about room-by-room poison prevention by visiting www.homesafetycouncil.org.