

Preventing For Pediatric Poisoning



PEDIATRIC POISONING PREVENTIONS

Some of the products that should be locked up and out of sight and reach of children and pets include:

- medicines
- vitamins
- chemicals such as those for cleaning
- cigarettes
- matches
- alcoholic beverages
- purse
- perfume
- covered trash receptacles

NEVER tell children that medicine is candy, or that it tastes good. Don't take medicine in front of children since they like to imitate adults.

Have Syrup of Ipecac on hand and only use if instructed to do so by Poison Control or a physician.

When speaking with Poison Control or the doctor, have the container and pills, or object that was in the mouth, and, if possible, the child with you.

For pet poisoning, contact your veterinarian or Poison Control.

Poison Control
1-800-222-1222
Medical Assistance – 911

PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO:

- **The child who has swallowed a poison before.**
- **Behavioral changes:** clumsiness, drowsiness, coma, convulsions, dizziness, mental disturbances, delirium, and level of consciousness.
- **Look for** color, temperature of skin, lips, and mucous membranes.
- **Also** temperature, blood pressure, pulse rate, respiratory alterations, sweating
- **Paralysis**
- **Eyes:** the size and reaction of the pupils.
- **Oral signs:** burns, discoloration, dryness, excessive salivation, stains, breath odors, pain on swallowing
- **Nausea, vomiting:** appearance odor, presence of blood, upset stomach
- **Diarrhea:** appearance, odor, presence of blood.