

Safety ... Off The Job

Be Aware Of Potential Poisons

Thousands of household products available today make life easier, but many of them can be killers! Most often small children, one to four years old, are the victims.

Almost every area in your home has something dangerous in it. Go through room by room and pick out the potential killers. Here are some possibilities:

Kitchen

- detergents
- drain cleaner
- scouring powder
- oven cleaner
- waxes and polishes
- disinfectants and deodorants
- solvents and cleaning supplies
- food extracts, nutmeg and other condiments
- alcoholic beverages

Bathroom

- all drugs and medications
- rubbing alcohol
- antiseptics
- hair remover, bleaches and dyes
- laxatives
- ointments
- shampoo
- after shave lotion
- hair spray
- hair tonic

Bedrooms

- nail polish and remover
- face cream
- birth control pills
- anti-moth preparations
- cologne and perfume
- skin freshener
- sleeping pills

Living Room

- medications (left in handbags or on the coffee table by visitors)
- cigarettes
- alcoholic beverages
- household plants including Caladium, Castor Bean, Dieffenbachia, Elephants Ear, Lantan, Mistletoe and Philodendron

Utility Area Laundry, Workshop, Garage, Garden Shed

- paints and removers
- auto waxes and polishes
- gasoline, turpentine, solvents
- dyes
- glues
- barbecue starters
- weed killers, garden sprays
- lyes, bleaches, drain openers
- pesticides



Make sure potentially dangerous substances are stored properly. This means locked storage in basement, garage, and workshop and high shelves for cleaning fluids, polishes, bleaches and similar house-cleaning aids.

Take the time to explain to your youngsters why they must not touch anything that might be harmful. By age three or four years your child will be able to recognize the symbols for hazardous products. And never, never transfer harmful substances to cups, milk cartons, pop bottles, or other food containers.

Develop safe habits and keep a list of emergency numbers by the phone in case of an accidental poisoning. You can prevent poisoning!

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