



# Poison Prevention



## Beware and Take Care

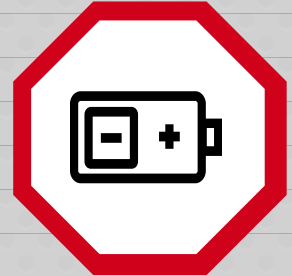
Almost anything can be a poison to anyone if it is used in the wrong way, by the wrong person, or in the wrong amount.



- Read the label and follow the directions on every medication.
- Take only your own medication
- Tell your doctor about every medication you are taking, including any vitamins
- Lock medicines up high where children cannot reach
- Remember, child-resistant caps are not child proof



- Never mix cleaning products.
- Keep household products away from food and medications
- Store household products and cleaners in their original containers out of children's sight and reach



- Dispose of old batteries as directed.
- Keep batteries out of reach of children especially button batteries.



Children younger than 5 are especially in danger of a poisoning episode and annually make up half of the two million calls to Poison Control.



- Pets can also be poisoning victims. If you suspect your pet has been poisoned, call your vet or the **Pet Poison Helpline at 855-764-7661.**



- In case of poisoning, **ACT FAST** and remain calm
- Call **911** if the victim has collapsed or is not breathing
- Be prepared with the victim's age and weight, the container or bottle of the poison, and when and where the poisoning occurred

If you only suspect poisoning, call Poison Control **1-800-222-1222.**



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