

PREVENTING POISONINGS

Children under five (5) are the most frequent victims of poisonings. Common household items like medicines, make-up, cleaning products and plants account for most poisonings. Alert staff and parents to these dangers and remove them from the child's reach.

Another word for poisonous is toxic. Toxic items will make the child sick if they are eaten or swallowed.

Most Common Poisonous Plants (toxic):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POISONOUS PARTS</u>
Aloe Vera	All parts
Asparagus	Uncooked, young shoots
Azalea	All parts
Box Plant	Leaves, stems
Castor Bean	Seeds
China Berry	Berries
Crocus	All parts, especially bulbs
Daffodil	All parts, especially bulbs
Dumb Cane	All parts
Elephant Ear	All parts
English Ivy	Leaves, berries
Ground Ivy	All parts
Holly	Leaves, berries
Iris	Bulbs, stems, leaves
Juniper	All parts
Lantana	Leaves, berries
Mistletoe	All parts, especially berries
Toadstools	All parts
Oak	Raw acorns, young shoots
Oleander	All parts, especially seeds
Poinsettia	Leaves, sap
Philodendron	All parts
Poison Sumac	Leaves, fruit
Tomato	Leaves

Poisonous Creatures of the Southwest:

Black widow spider	Brown spider
Centipedes	Scorpions (15 varieties; most potent: the bark scorpion)
Bee/wasp (if allergic)	Coral snake
Rattlesnake	

If you think staff or children have been bitten/stung by one of these creatures, call the Hospital, Poison Control, or seek medical attention immediately.

Potential Poisons:

Cosmetics: perfumes, make-up, lotions, powder, deodorants, shampoo, conditioners, mousse, hair sprays, mouthwashes, etc.

Household products: laundry soaps, cleaners, pine cleaners (Pine-sol), bleach (Clorox), ammonia, spot removers, drain cleaners (Drano), toilet bowl cleaners (Sani-flush, Vanish), alcohol, pesticides (Raid).

Medications: All medicines! Prescription and over-the-counter medications can be fatal if a child swallows them.

Arts and crafts materials: Be sure all clay, paints, crayons, markers, playdoughs glues etc. are labeled Non-toxic.

AP: Approved Product - This item contains no materials in a quantity to be toxic or harmful if swallowed.

CP: Certified Product - Item meets same standard as AP, but also meets standards for quality, color etc.