

# Nationwide Poison Control Phone # (800) 222-1222

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), the American Association of Poison Control Centers, and the Poison Prevention Week Council have established a new national toll-free telephone number for poison control centers. The new number, (800) 222-1222, provides everyone in the U.S. with free access - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - to their regional poison center.

Children Act Fast...So Does Poison!

A poison exposure is the ingestion of or contact with a substance that can produce toxic effects. Both children and poisons act fast. The following information outlines the responsibility placed upon parents, grandparents and other caregivers in preventing poisonings in the home.

Most Dangerous Poisons:

Medicines - including iron pills

Cleaning products - including those that can cause burns such as drain openers, toilet bowl cleaners, oven cleaner, rust remover, bleach, pool supplies

Antifreeze

Windshield washer fluid

Hydrocarbons - including furniture polish, lighter fluid, lamp oil, kerosene, turpentine and paint thinner

Carbon monoxide

Pesticides and fertilizers

Mushrooms

Houseplants - including philodendron, lily, and berries from mistletoe and holly.

Prevention is the key. Keep these and other dangerous items out of children's reach.

If poisoning does occur, do not induce vomiting unless instructed.

Call 911 and Call Poison Control at 1-800-222-1222

What to do if a Poisoning Occurs

Stay calm and immediately call poison control at 1-800-222-1222 and have the following information ready:

Child's condition, age and weight

Product bottles or containers

Time of poisoning

Your name and telephone number

Follow instructions from the poison control center.