



# Regional Center for Poison Control and Prevention

*Serving Massachusetts and Rhode Island*



## Prevent Poisonings in Your Home

There are over 65,000 poisonings in Massachusetts and Rhode Island every year. Most poisonings happen in the home and are preventable!

### Prevention Tips:

- Keep all hazardous materials in locked cabinets and out of reach of children.
- Put safety latches on drawers and cabinets containing harmful household products.
- Store all household and medicinal products in the original containers with the original labels on them.
- Buy products in child-resistant packaging, when available.
- Read all medication labels carefully.
- Never refer to medication as candy.
- Store food and cleaners separately.
- Place carbon monoxide detectors in your home.
- Watch children carefully when playing indoors and outdoors.
- Post **1-800-222-1222** near all telephones in the home.

**To prevent an unintentional poisoning, check your home for hazards.**

<b>In the Bedroom or Living Room</b> Plants Cigarettes Liquor Medications Mothballs	<b>In the Kitchen</b> Bleach Ammonia Disinfectants Furniture polish Oven cleaner Bug Spray Dish detergents Old food Gas (from the stove)	<b>In the Bathroom</b> Medicines Perfumes and Colognes Hair and Beauty Products Nail Products Cleaning Products Thermometers Suntan Lotion
<b>In the Garage</b> Antifreeze Gasoline Paint thinners Transmission fluid Lyme and lye Car exhaust	<b>If you suspect a poisoning call your poison center right away!</b>	<b>In the Garden</b> Plants and Flowers Mushrooms Pesticides Plant food Weed killer Snakes and Spiders

**24-HOUR POISON HOTLINE 1-800-222-1222**

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