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## POISON PREVENTION: PROTECT YOUR KIDS

Injury to a child is a parent's worst nightmare. Many common household products such as cleaners and pesticides could hurt a child if not used and stored correctly. Always read the label first before you buy, store, and use household cleaners and pesticide products. Keep all products out of the reach of children.

Keep your children safe. Labels tell you:

- How to use the product safely and effectively.
- How to store the product safely.
- First aid instructions.
- Phone numbers to call for help or more information.

Follow all label instructions and precautions.

- Warnings and directions for use tell you how to use products safely and correctly.
- Follow warnings to open windows, wear gloves, and not breathe product dust or fumes.
- Keep children and pets away from spills and treated areas as directed.

Keep products in their original containers.

- It is very dangerous to put products in food and beverage containers. Children think that something in a familiar juice or soda bottle is good to drink.
- If you throw away the original container, you throw away important information needed in case of an emergency.
- If the label tells you to mix a product in another container, use up all of the mixture. If you can't use all of it up, label the new container for future use.

Store products out of the reach of children.

- Store household cleaning and pesticide products where children can't reach them.
- Use child-resistant locks on low cabinets. Make certain child-resistant caps and covers are in place.
- Teach your children that household products are not toys.

Know where to call for help.

- Many labels contain a number to call in an emergency.
- Have your local poison control center phone number handy by the phone (in Minnesota and nationwide, 1-800-222-1222).
- Have your doctor's phone number near the phone.
- Have the product label ready when you call. The label provides those helping you with important information about the product.



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