# POISON PATROL CHECKLIST

## SAFE CHECK
- Are products stored on high shelves?
- Are child-resistant safety caps in use?
- Are safety latches used on cabinets and drawers?
- Are items properly labeled and in their original containers?
- Are harmful products locked up, out of sight and reach of children?

**Check these areas of your home:**

## KITCHEN
- Detergents, Dishwasher Soaps
- Carpet and Upholstery Cleaner
- Drain Cleaner, Oven Cleaner
- Medicines, Vitamins
- Polish (Furniture, Floor, Silver)
- Window and Counter Cleaners, Ammonia
- Refrigerator (Cough Syrup, Other Medications)
- Cups (Soaps, Bleaches, Denture Cleaners)

## BATHROOMS
- Medicine (Prescription and Over-the-Counter)
- Shampoos, Conditioners and Hair Sprays
- Mouthwash, Fluoride Mouth Rinse
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Disinfectants, Toilet Bowl Cleaners, Etc.
- Nail Polish and Remover
- Lotions (Hand, Body or Shaving)
- Hair Remover
- Pine Oil and Bath Oil

## BEDROOMS
- Medicine (Sleeping Pills, Aspirin)
- Perfume, Cologne, Aftershave
- Cosmetics
- Sprays (Hair, Deodorant, Etc.)
- Baby Powder, Diaper Cream

## GARAGE/OUTSIDE STORAGE
- Car Products (Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Gas Additives)
- Garden Products, (Bug Sprays, Weed Killers, Fertilizers, Herbicides)
- Gasoline, Kerosene
- Paints, Thinners, Solvents
- Pool Supplies (Chlorine, Cleaning Agents)
- Rust Remover, Lighter Fluids
- Tear-open Cans (Motor Oil, Etc.)

## LAUNDRY AREA
- Detergents, Soaps
- Dyes, Bluing Agents
- Bleaches
- Fabric-Care Products
- Stain or Spot Removers

## ATTIC/CLOSETS/STORAGE PLACES
- Hobby and Craft Supplies
- Ink, Glue, Other Adhesives
- Insect Traps, Rat Poison, Etc.

## THROUGHOUT YOUR HOME
- Alcohol, Tobacco
- Mothballs
- Plants
- Lead Paint (Paint Chips, Toys, Etc.)
- Purses (Medicines, Lotions, Etc.)

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Poisoning Prevention Tips

☐ Teach children to ask an adult before putting anything into their mouths.
☐ Install safety latches on cabinets and drawers.
☐ Keep all medicines, cleaning products and chemicals out of reach and out of sight of children.
☐ Do not put medicines, cleaning products or chemicals in the same cabinets with food.
☐ Try to purchase products with safety caps.
☐ Read labels before using products and follow directions exactly.
☐ Do not make a game of taking medicine. (For example, never call medicine “candy”).
☐ Always turn on the light before taking or giving medicine.
☐ Dispose of old medicine properly. (Do not discard in the trash).
☐ When called to the door or phone, take any open/available product or your child with you.
☐ Never mix cleaning products or chemicals.
☐ Take extra care at times of family stress and when extra activities are taking place. This is a common time for poisoning to occur.

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