# 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?
- $\hfill\square$  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
- Delish (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

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#### BEDROOMS

- □ Medicine (Sleeping Pills, Aspirin)
- Derfume, 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

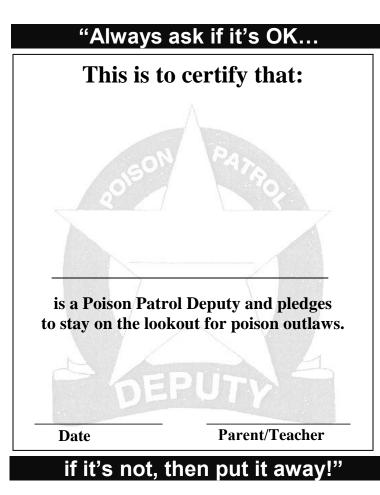
- □ Hobby and Craft Supplies
- □ Ink, Glue, Other Adhesives
- □ Insect Traps, Rat Poison, Etc.

#### 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.
- □ Install a carbon monoxide detector.