PREVENTING POISONINGS

Children under five (5) are the most frequent victims of poisonings. Common household items like medicines, make-up, cleaning products and plants account for most poisonings. Alert staff and parents to these dangers and remove them from the child's reach.

Another word for poisonous is **toxic**. Toxic items will make the child sick if they are eaten or swallowed.

Most Common Poisonous Plants (toxic):

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<th>NAME</th>
<th>POISONOUS PARTS</th>
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<td>Aloe Vera</td>
<td>All parts</td>
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<td>Asparagus</td>
<td>Uncooked, young shoots</td>
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<td>Azalea</td>
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<td>Box Plant</td>
<td>Leaves, stems</td>
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<td>Castor Bean</td>
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<td>China Berry</td>
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<td>Crocus</td>
<td>All parts, especially bulbs</td>
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<td>Daffodil</td>
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<td>Dumb Cane</td>
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<td>Elephant Ear</td>
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<td>English Ivy</td>
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<td>Ground Ivy</td>
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<td>Holly</td>
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<td>Iris</td>
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<td>Juniper</td>
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<td>Lantana</td>
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<td>Mistletoe</td>
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<td>Toadstools</td>
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<td>Oak</td>
<td>Raw acorns, young shoots</td>
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<td>Oleander</td>
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<td>Poinsettia</td>
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<td>Philodendron</td>
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Poisonous Creatures of the Southwest:

- Black widow spider
- Brown spider
- Centipedes
- Scorpions (15 varieties; most potent: the bark scorpion)
- Bee/wasp (if allergic)
- Rattlesnake
- Coral snake

If you think staff or children have been bitten/stung by one of these creatures, call the Hospital, Poison Control, or seek medical attention immediately.
Potential Poisons:

Cosmetics: perfumes, make-up, lotions, powder, deodorants, shampoo, conditioners, mousse, hair sprays, mouthwashes, etc.

Household products: laundry soaps, cleaners, pine cleaners (Pine-sol), bleach (Clorox), ammonia, spot removers, drain cleaners (Drano), toilet bowl cleaners (Sani-flush, Vanish), alcohol, pesticides (Raid).

Medications: All medicines! Prescription and over-the-counter medications can be fatal if a child swallows them.

Arts and crafts materials: Be sure all clay, paints, crayons, markers, playdoughs glues etc. are labeled Non-toxic.

   AP: Approved Product - This item contains no materials in a quantity to be toxic or harmful if swallowed.

   CP: Certified Product - Item meets same standard as AP, but also meets standards for quality, color etc.