Is Your Baby Safe at Home?

Part 1 — Poison

Would you drink kerosene or laundry bleach? Eat floor wax, deodorant, or glue? Babies might, because they haven’t learned that these are dangerous. Your house is full of poison ...

Keep these products in locked cupboards or out of children’s reach.

✖ In the bathroom:
- Aspirin, other medicines
- Deodorants
- Disinfectants
- Hair care products
- Makeup
- Perfume
- Rubbing alcohol
- Toilet bowl cleaner

✖ In the garage or basement:
- Antifreeze, motor oil
- Charcoal lighter
- Garden chemicals
- Gasoline, kerosene
- Mouse or rat poison
- Paints, thinners

✖ In the kitchen:
- Aerosol spray
- Ant poison
- Bleach
- Drain cleaner
- Laundry/dishwasher detergents
- Other cleaning supplies
- Vitamins, medicines

✖ All over the house:
- Alcohol
- Cigarettes
- Lead paint (furniture, toys, walls)
- Plants

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Never leave your child alone with a poison, even for a few seconds.

**Be sure that you...**

- DON’T keep kerosene, gasoline, or similar products in pop cans or milk bottles. Store food and non-food items separately.

- NEVER use insect sprays around food.

- NEVER tell a child that medicine is “candy” or that it tastes good.

- KEEP medicines, cleaning products, and other poisonous household products in original containers and in locked cupboards. Inexpensive safety latches are readily available at hardware and department stores.

- ONLY give a prescription drug to the person it was prescribed for by the doctor. Dispose of outdated medicines promptly.

- CHECK all painted furniture and toys to be sure they have non-toxic finishes. Look at labels.

- BUY products in child-resistant containers and replace caps tightly.

- KEEP purses out of reach. Avoid carrying medicine, vitamins, cigarettes, and perfume in handbags.

- CHOOSE safe plants labeled with botanical name and keep out of children’s reach.