Medications are the leading cause of child poisoning.

- **Put medicine up and away and out of reach.**
  Make sure all medicine and vitamins are stored out of children’s reach and sight.

- **Consider products you might not think about as medicine.**
  Products such as: diaper rash remedies, vitamins, eye drops, and hand sanitizer can be harmful to children.

- **Don’t refer to medicine as candy.**
  This may encourage children to take medicine on their own.

- **Model responsible medicine use.**

- **Teach children that medicine should always be given by an adult.**
  Children should know that they should not take medicine on their own.

- **Use only the dosing device that comes with liquid medicine.**
  Kitchen spoons aren’t all the same and won’t measure the same amount as a dosing device.

- **Consider places where kids can get into medicine.**
  Place purses and bags in an out-of-reach location, and avoid leaving medicine where children have access to it.

Information provided by www.poison.org and SafeKids WorldWide at www.safekids.org
Poisons can be found everywhere in the home - such as the bathroom, kitchen, laundry room and garage. Use the checklist below to prevent poisoning.

- **Be prepared.** Ensure the poison control number is in, on, or near your phone.
- **Store medicines and household cleaning products in locked cabinets, out of reach and sight of children.**
- **Install a carbon monoxide alarm in every sleeping area of your home.**
- **Poison proof every home** where your child spends time.
- **Ensure hazardous household products are kept out of children’s reach.**
- **Never carry something that can be poisonous** in a purse or coat where children may find it.
- **Buy small quantities of hazardous household products.** Discard unneeded extras safely.
- **Store household products in a different place from food and medicine.**
- **Keep button batteries out of reach of children.**

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