Poison Prevention

- About 36 children a year die from unintentional poisoning.
- About 91,000 children were treated in hospital emergency rooms for unintentional poisonings in 2005.
- About 1 million calls are placed to poison control centers for poison-related incidents in 2006.

Unintentional child-related poisonings are often related to products commonly found in the home such as cleaning chemicals, vitamins with iron and personal care products. You can prevent these needless incidents by following these safety tips:

- Always use and re-seal child safety caps.
- Lock poisons and medicines up and out of a child's reach.
- Call your local poison center (800) 222–1222 in case of poisoning.



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