

When accidents happen with chemicals or medicine, call Poison Help (1-800-222-1222). Get help right away from a nurse, pharmacist, or other poison expert. If someone has trouble breathing, call 911 or your local emergency ambulance number right away.

EDUCATIONAL GALENDAR

January

Winter Safety:

- Dangers of Carbon Monoxide (CO)
- · Antifreeze Poisoning

National Eye Care Month:

- · Common Poison Risks for the Eyes
- · Quick Treatment Actions for the Eyes

February

Valentine's Day:

- · Ways to Keep Your Loved Ones Poison Free
- Red Poisons
- Chocolate and Certain Types of Flowers Can Poison Pets

Responsible Pet Owner Month:

 Common Pet Poisons: How to Make a Pet-Friendly Home

March

St Patrick's Day:

· A List of Green Poisons

National Poison Prevention Week (third week):

• General Poison Prevention Tips

Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week (third week):

- · Commonly Inhaled Poisons
- · How to Avoid and Treat Poisoning from Inhalants

Daylight Savings Time:

• Change CO Alarm Batteries

Spring Begins:

- Preventing and Treating Bites and Stings
- Spring Cleaning Dangers from Poisonous Household Products

April

National Public Health Week (first week):

· General Poison Prevention Tips

April Fools Day:

· Don't Be Fooled By Common Poisons!

Alcohol and Drug Awareness Month:

- · Dangers of Alcohol
- · Dangers of Mixing Drugs

National Garden Month:

- Know the Poisonous Plants
- · Planting a Poison-Free Garden

National Pest Management Month:

- · Bites and Stings Prevention and Treatment
- Safe Handling of Pesticides

World Health Day (7th):

- · General Poison Prevention Tips
- · Role of Poison Help and Local Poison Centers

May

Safe Kids Week (first or second week):

- · Poison Safety Tips for Children
- Fun Activities to Teach Children about the Dangers of Poisons

Memorial Day:

- · Food Safety
- Sun Safety
- · Hydrocarbon Poisoning

Mother's Day:

· Poison Safety Tips for Parents

Allergy/Asthma Awareness Month:

 Tips to Prevent Problems with Allergies and Asthma

Older Americans Month:

 Poison Prevention Tips for Older Americans (example: Medicine Safety)

National Pet Week (first full week):

· Poisoning Prevention Tips for Pet Owners

Emergency Medical Services Week (third week):

- Basic Information about Poison Help and Poison Centers
- · How Poison Experts Can Help in an Emergency

National Nurses Week (May 6th to May 12th):

 Nurses Are among the Many Poison Experts at Poison Help

June

National Safety Month:

• General Poison Prevention Information

Summer Begins:

- Sun Safety
- · Preventing and Treating Bites and Stings
- · Know Your Poisonous Plants

Father's Day:

· Poison Prevention Tips for Parents

July

National Recreation and Parks Month:

- · Preventing Bites and Stings
- Know Your Poisonous Plants

Independence Day:

· Food Safety Tips to Prevent Food Poisoning

July Belongs to Berries Month:

· Buy Your Berries at the Store

Parents' Day (fourth Sunday):

- · Poisoning Prevention Tips for Parents
- · Keeping Kids Safe from Household Poisons

August

National Parks Month:

- · Preventing and Treating Bites and Stings
- · Know Your Poisonous Plants

Medic Alert Month:

- · Talk to Others about Your Health
- What Medications Are You Taking?

Children's Eye Health and Safety Month:

 What to Do When a Child Gets Something in the Eyes

September

Back to School Safety:

- · Poison Prevention for Students
- Poison Safety Activities for Teachers

Sports and Home Eye Safety Month:

 What to Do When a Child Gets Something in the Eyes

Baby Safety Month:

· Poison Prevention Tips for New Parents

Grandparents' Day (first Sunday after Labor Day):

- · Poisoning Prevention Tips for Older Americans
- Tips to Keep Grandchildren Safe When They Visit

Mushroom Month:

 Only Experts Can Identify Mushrooms That Are Safe to Eat

National Food Safety Education Month:

- · How to Be a Smart Consumer
- Common Consumer Mistakes That Lead to Poisonings

October

Halloween Safety:

· Safe Costumes and Safe Treats

Campaign for Healthier Babies Month:

· Poisoning Prevention Tips for New Parents

Child Health Month, Child Health Day (first Monday):

· Poison Prevention Tips for Parents and Children

Cold and Flu Campaign:

Common Questions about Medicines

Family Health Month:

· Poison Prevention Tips for Parents and Families

Health Education Week (third week):

 Poison Prevention Tips for Health Workers (examples: How to Use Poison Help, How to Teach Patients about Poison Prevention)

National Pharmacy Technician Day:

 Explaining the Role of Poison Help Experts and How They Can Help in an Emergency

National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

 Lead poisoning prevention tips for parents and families

National Children's Day (2nd Sunday in October):

· Poison Prevention Tips for Parents and Children

American Pharmacists Month:

• The Role Pharmacists Play in Poison Prevention

National Pharmacy Week (last week in October):

· Talk to Your Pharmacist about All Your Medicines

November

Allied Health Professionals Week (first week):

· Learn More about the Experts at Poison Help

Child Safety and Protection Month:

· Tips to Keep Children Safe from Poisons

Thanksgiving:

· Food Safety to Prevent Food Poisoning

American Education Week (third week):

• How to Teach Students about Poison Prevention

Family Caregiver Month:

- Tips for Family Caregivers to Prevent Poisonings
- Preparing Family Caregivers for an Emergency— Information They'll Need

Daylight Savings Time:

· Change CO Alarm Batteries

December

Winter Begins:

 Preventing Antifreeze, Salt, and Hydrocarbon Poisoning

Holiday Safety:

- · Identifying Toxic Decorations
- The Truth About Poinsettias

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Holiday Smart

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ButlerWebs.com

http://www.butlerwebs.com/holidays/default.htm

Web Holidays

http://www.web-holidays.com/calendar/

National Public Health Week

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Safe Kids USA

http://www.usa.safekids.org

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists

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