



Child Care Answers "Parents in the Know"

Do you know where to find poisons in your home?

When parents are searching for a child care provider, many indicators of quality programs come into play. Almost every parents' first thought is that of the safety and well being of their child. Safety does play a very important role in looking for a quality child care program. This is also true in the child's own home. Many things found in and around our homes can hurt a child if not used and/or stored correctly. Here is a partial list of places to check.

◆ Purses and bags:

There are many things we carry in a purse and diaper bag that can be dangerous for children. Make-up, prescriptions, over the counter medications, baby powder, wipes, perfume and lotions are just a sample of things that can harm a child. Be sure to keep purses and diaper bags out of reach. Remember that child resistant does not mean that a container is childproof. Children are eager explorers!

◆ Bedrooms:

Take a tour of your bedroom at a child's level. Perfume, make-up, nail polish/remover and night time eye drops are just the right size for curious little minds and quick hands.

◆ Bathrooms, kitchens and laundry rooms:

Accidental poisonings often happen while things are being used and not when they are stored. Children like to mimic adults actions. Again remember to get on your child's eye level to seek out possible dangers. Keep cleaning supplies ,

shaving cream, razors, aftershave lotion, shampoos and bath soaps out of reach of children. It is important to keep such items in the original container in case something does happen. If you are using a product and need to answer the phone or the door, never leave a child alone with the product. Store anything that could be harmful in locked cabinets. If you do not have cabinets that lock, you may purchase child safety locks at many stores.

It only takes a moment for little ones to get hurt. Please take the time to do a safety check of your home and remind guest to help with keeping purses and bags up and out of reach.

BE SURE TO POST THE INDIANA POISON CENTER NUMBER NEAR ALL YOUR PHONES., 1-800-222-1222.

YOU MAY VISIT THEIR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION...

WWW.CLARIAN.ORG/POISONCONTROL.

Child Care Answers wishes all of you
a safe and fun summer!

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