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**"POISON-
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WHAT IS A POISON?

A substance that kills, injures or impairs.

WHO CAN BE POISONED?

Anyone in any age group.

WHERE IN THE HOME DO POISONINGS OCCUR?

Everywhere –

- Bedrooms
- Living rooms
- Bathrooms
- Kitchens
- Basements (cellars)
- Garages
- Backyards









HOW DO THEY OCCUR?

- Inhaling fumes
- Taking medications in the dark
- Keeping poisonous products where children can reach them

COMMON POISONS IN MOST HOMES

- Cleansers, deodorizers, disinfectants
- Medicines (wrongly used)
- Cosmetics (taken internally)
- Vines, fruit seeds and flowers of certain plants, vegetable and weeds
- Insect and rat killers
- Paints, thinners and solvents
- Auto radiator antifreeze and other auto products

HOW TO "POISON – PROOF" YOUR HOME

-  Keep household products and medicines out of reach and sight of children.
-  Store medicines separately from household products, foods and candies. Keep medicines in their original containers.
-  Never give or take medicine in the dark or in dim light.
-  Avoid taking medicine in the presence of children since they tend to imitate adults.
-  Call medicines by their proper names. Don't mislead children by calling medicines "candy."
-  Dispose of unneeded medicines. Consult with your pharmacist or physician to learn the best disposal method for specific medications.
-  Do not remove or cover over the original label of medicines and hazardous substances. Read the label carefully before using.
-  When buying hazardous household, auto and other products, ask for containers with child-resistant caps.