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ACCIDENTAL POISONINGS and POISON PROOFING YOUR HOME

* Area Poison Control Center Telephone Number -

1. Fast action is essential in poisoning emergencies. If poisoning is suspected: call POISON CONTROL CENTER HOTLINE;
2. Stay calm, be ready to follow instructions;
3. Have the following information ready:
 - your name and telephone number;
 - name of product or plant suspected of poisoning;
 - age and approximate weight of poisoning victim;
 - amount swallowed or degree of exposure;
 - time of incident or exposure;
 - type of entry - e.g. swallowing, eye, skin, inhalation;
 - symptoms;
 - first-aid measures already taken;
 - if a potentially poisonous plant, also
 - Describe leaf or flower (size, shape, color, etc.).
 - Is plant an indoor or outdoor variety?
 - What part of plant was eaten?
 - How much of plant was eaten?

General Poison Prevention Tips

1. Store household cleaners, cosmetics, medications and garage products out of children's reach and sight, in locked cabinets or those secured with safety latches.
2. Store all household chemicals away from food.
3. Never re-use empty household chemical containers.
4. Read all labels carefully before using any product.
5. Be sure that all drugs are in child-proof packages (But be aware that children can often open these containers).