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## Household Products

The most frequent causes of poisonings are common household products, such as cleaners, pain medicines, and health and beauty products. You can help avoid poisonings by following these poison prevention tips:

1. Store potential poisons in cabinets with child-resistant locks, or up high, out of children's reach.
2. Read all labels before using any household product. Even if you have used the product before, you should read the directions every time.
3. Keep products in their original containers with original labels. Examples of possible hazards: Placing oil in a cola or beer can and leaving the can in the garage; putting window cleaner in a cola bottle; or storing pills in a baggie.
4. Never mix household cleaning products or chemicals together. Example: Combining bleach and ammonia will give off fumes that can make a person ill.

### Household chemicals

Household cleaning chemicals are one of the most common causes of poisonings. Some cleaning products and other chemicals can burn or cause permanent damage to skin or eyes.

### Garages and yard products

Garages can be filled with potential poisons. From antifreeze to gasoline to oil, the dangers lurk in every corner. The same is true for sheds and other storage areas. Yard products such as pesticides and fertilizers also should be stored properly.

### Hazardous Handbags

Some of the most unsuspecting things can be potential poisoning hazards for children. Many parents, grandparents and other caregivers give children their purses to play with. This can create a very dangerous situation. Many of the products contained in a handbag can be toxic if swallowed.