

How to Prevent a Plant Poisoning

The Illinois Poison Center's (IPC) toxic plant list is not to be used as a medical treatment guide. **Always** call the IPC at 1-800-222-1222 for treatment information when a poisoning occurs.

To prevent a plant poisoning:

- Keep **all** houseplants out of children's reach.
- Know the names of all your plants, both indoors and outdoors. Label each of your plants with the correct common and botanical names. Consult a local greenhouse, nursery or florist to identify unknown plants. (In an emergency, it is difficult for IPC staff to identify plants from a description given over the phone.)
- Teach your children never to put mushrooms, berries or any part of a plant – including leaves, flowers, stems, bulbs or seeds – in their mouths.
- Do not assume a plant is non-toxic because birds or wildlife eat it.