



# Home Safety Checklist from the Virginia Poison Center



This checklist is designed to help parents identify potential hazards in the home. Complete the checklist to see if your home is safe from potential poisonings. Check that all poisons are safely stored out of reach from children and pets. Call **1-800-222-1222** if you have questions or a poisoning emergency!

## **Kitchen:**

- Cleaners-carpet/upholstery cleaners, furniture polish, soap/detergents
- Corrosives- automatic dishwashing detergent, drain cleaners, ammonia, metal cleaners, oven cleaners
- Medicines- pain relievers (aspirin and acetaminophen), diet aids, vitamins/iron pills, pet medications
- Batteries
- Alcohol

### **How to prevent poisonings in this area:**

1. Remove medicines from countertops, window sills, and open areas
2. Put safety latches on all drawers and cabinets where harmful products or sharp objects are stored
3. Store household products away from food products
4. Alcoholic beverages should be kept out of reach from children

## **Bathroom:**

- Medicines
- Deodorizers
- Cleaners
- Cosmetics (nail polish/removers, baby powder, perfumes)
- Mouthwashes
- Hair products
- Drain Openers
- Fluoride Rinses
- Aftershaves
- Hair remover

### **How to prevent poisonings in this area:**

1. Make sure that all medications are in child-resistant containers and labeled properly
2. Dispose of old medicines properly
3. Store household products in an area that is not accessible to children or place a lock on the cabinets

## **Bedroom:**

- Jewelry
- Medicines
- House plants
- Batteries

### **How to prevent poisonings in this area:**

1. Remove all medicines from the dresser or bedside table
2. Keep all batteries, perfumes, cosmetics, and powders out of reach
3. Identify all plants and keep out of reach

## **Laundry Area:**

- Bleach
- Laundry detergent
- Disinfectants

### **How to prevent poisonings in this area:**

1. Keep all products in original containers
2. Keep bleach, stain removers, detergents, and fabric softeners out of reach or in a locked cabinet

## **Garage/Basement/Storage Area:**

- Antifreeze
- Pesticides
- Lighter fluid
- Mothballs
- Weed Killer
- Paint remover/thinner/stripper
- Gasoline/kerosene

### **How to prevent poisonings in this area:**

1. Keep all products in their original containers
2. Keep all products up and out of reach or in a locked storage space