

Maimonides
Children's Hospital

Brooklyn's *Only* Pediatric Trauma Center

Poison, Choking & Strangulation

Pretty Poisons



- Store medicines, cleaning products, and other chemicals locked and out of sight and reach of children. There is no such thing as a 100% childproof container.
- Keep substances in original containers and bottles.
- Keep laundry and dishwasher pods in the closed, original container and out of reach of children.
- Medicines and vitamins often look like candy to children. Do not leave medicine on the counter or in purses.



- Teach children to always ask an adult before eating or putting anything in their mouths.
- Have the Poison Control Center phone number displayed in your home and saved in your phone.

Choking & Strangulation Prevention

- Children under the age of 5 should not play with anything smaller than their fists.
- Cut food for toddlers into small pieces, and avoid foods like marshmallows, hot dogs, hard candy, nuts, and grapes.
- Check toys for small parts and follow age labels printed by the manufacturer.
- Keep strings and cords, including those attached to window blinds, out of children's reach.
- Do not allow children to play while they are eating.
- Ingestion of button-size batteries and magnets can cause severe damage to a child. Inspect games, toys, and remote controls for missing or loose magnets, batteries, or battery covers.



Poison questions or concerns? Call the Poison Control Center at **800.222.1222** or **212.POISONS.** Sign up to receive product recalls at **WWW.RECALLS.GOV**

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