

## Minnesota Poison Control System

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Anytime: Free, fast, and convenient help is available 24/7, including all holidays.

Anywhere: Calls come from locations such as homes, schools, workplaces, and health care facilities.

Anyone: Expert staff members can help with exposures in infants, children, teens, adults, and seniors.

## **Prevention Checklist**

Medicines, cleaners, pesticides, alcohol, and household products are locked up out of the sight and reach of children and pets.

Products are kept in their original containers.

Cleaning products are never mixed together.

Each person has a list of all their medications, including over the counter products and herbal supplements, to show their doctor and pharmacist. This will help prevent unwanted drug interactions.

Each person has a plan for keeping their medicines organized and on schedule.

Expired or unwanted medicines have been safely discarded.

- When taking or giving medicine, turn on the lights, put on your glasses if necessary, and check the 4 RIGHTs:
  - 1. Is this the RIGHT product?
  - 2. Is it for the RIGHT person?
  - 3. Is this the RIGHT dose?
  - 4. Is it the RIGHT time?

Carbon monoxide alarms are installed and in good working order.

☐ The **Minnesota Poison Control System's** number is visible near every phone and programmed into all cell phones: **1-800-222-1222**. Call right away—day or night— if anyone:

- Makes a mistake with medicines.
- Swallows something they should not have swallowed.
- Gets something harmful in their eyes or on their skin.
- Breathes a harmful gas or fume.

Call 9-1-1 first if someone has difficulty breathing, seizure, or is unconscious.