



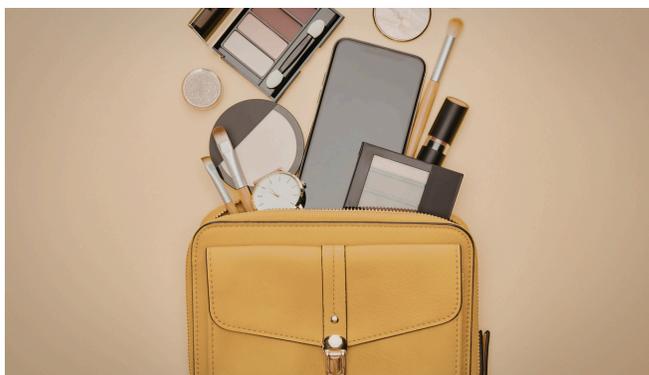
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The Poison Purse

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Did you know that some everyday items in your bag could be harmful if not used safely?

A "Poison Purse" is a nickname for a purse or backpack that contains things that can be dangerous if swallowed, touched, or even smelled too much.

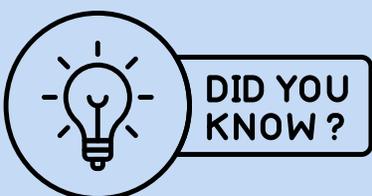
Let's take a look at what's inside:

- **Hand Sanitizer:** It's great for killing germs, but it has a high amount of alcohol. Just a small amount can be poisonous if swallowed. Keep it sealed and out of reach of little ones.
- **Nail Polish Remover:** This often contains acetone, which smells strong and can hurt your stomach or lungs if swallowed or breathed in too much. Always close the cap tightly.
- **Perfume or Cologne:** These may smell nice, but they contain alcohol and other chemicals. Drinking even a little can be dangerous. Spray carefully and store safely.
- **Nicotine Products:** Things like vapes, pouches, or gum may look like candy, but they can be harmful. These products can have a varying amount of nicotine, from as little as 2 mg in a pouch up to 100 mg/mL in a vape. Even small amounts of nicotine can poison a child.

What to do if someone has been exposed:

- In the mouth
 - Wipe out their mouth
 - Do not make the person throw up
- On the skin
 - Take off any clothing that touched the product
 - Rinse the skin with water for 10-15 minutes
- Inhaled
 - Get to fresh air - open doors and windows

To stay safe in your purse, keep these items in a zipped pouch. Always read labels and never leave purses or bags on the floor. If someone swallows or touches something they shouldn't, call Poison Help at 1-800-222-1222 right away.



National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) 2026 is March 15-21

- It began in 1961.
- It is the third full week in March every year.
- The week is an opportunity to educate the public about how to prevent poisonings.
- Save the Poison Help number into your phone: 1-800-222-1222.



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