

# ALCOHOL PRECAUTIONS



Liquor store sales nationwide have increased 55%. Online sales, 243%. Increased availability in the home can lead to a poisoning. Ethyl alcohol (ethanol) is found in all alcoholic drinks.

**Even a small amount can be toxic to a child!**

An increase in the amount of alcohol found in the home demands increased efforts to **keep all alcohol out of the reach of children.**



Some cleaning products contain alcohol and other potent chemicals. **Store all cleaning products out of reach of children.** Mixing alcohol with bleach can produce **toxic fumes!**

Hand sanitizers have flown off the shelves during the pandemic. Many are making hand sanitizers at home using isopropyl alcohol, which contains 60-99% alcohol.



**Isopropyl alcohol is twice as toxic as ethyl alcohol, found in wine, beer and liquor. If a curious child should drink any amount of alcohol, call the Poison Center!**

A child drinking alcohol can act drunk. Effects include **sleepiness, slurred speech, an unsteady walk, and vomiting.**

Alcohol is also irritating to the digestive tract. If an excessive amount is consumed, it can lead to **dehydration, low blood pressure, shock, and coma.**



Children love to imitate! Keep all alcohol out of the reach of children, **preferably locked away.**

**Alcohol is also flammable. Important to keep all alcohol away from an open flame.**

**Poison emergency? Poison information?  
Call the Poison Center! 24 hours a day,  
7 days a week, 365 days a year.**

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