

What if a poisoning happens?



1. Take the child and the product to the phone.
2. Call the Upstate New York Poison Center.
3. The Poison Information Specialist will ask you some questions, including:
 - Age and weight of child
 - Name on container of product
 - Amount involved
 - Time of poisoning
 - Any symptoms
4. Our poison center will tell you what to do next.

If you even think your child could be poisoned, call us!

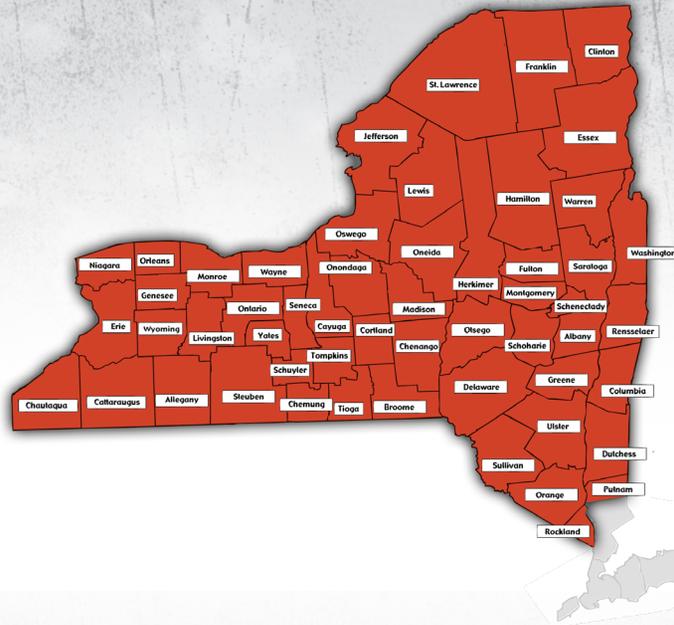
*Call the Poison Experts available 24/7 at 1-800-222-1222
Fast. Free. Confidential.*

Research shows adults are using more medications. Calls to our poison center about children unintentionally swallowing medicine have also increased.

Store medicine, over-the-counter medications, and cannabis products, up high and out of reach and sight of children.

UPSTATE NEW YORK POISON CENTER SERVICE AREA

1-800-222-1222



FAST. FREE. CONFIDENTIAL.

UPSTATE NEW YORK
POISON CENTER

F86218 Rev. 1/2024 Review 1/2024

Poison Prevention Guide

For Parents and Caregivers

UPSTATE NEW YORK
POISON CENTER

UPSTATE
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY





Common Poisons

Medicines

Over-the-counter and prescription medication including pain relievers, vitamins, cold preparations, etc.

Cleaning Products

Bleach, dishwashing soap, detergent, floor cleaner, furniture polish, etc.

Cosmetics

Perfume, aftershave, cologne, bath products, hair dye, etc.

Plants

Houseplants, outdoor plants and shrubs, berries, mushrooms, etc.

Cigarettes

All tobacco products are extremely toxic if eaten!

Pesticides

Bug killers, weed killer, lawn feeds, etc.

Most Poisonings Are Preventable

How do Poisonings Happen?

Usually poisonings occur when the product is swallowed. However, many poisonings occur when a product is inhaled, absorbed through the skin, or splashed in the eyes. Bites and stings are poisonings too.

When do poisonings occur?

Poisonings usually occur when children are hungry, especially between the hours of 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Poisonings also occur during a time of change such as a move, packing for a trip, visitors, or when family problems occur.



Poison Prevention Tips

- Keep all household chemical products and medicines up, away and out of sight and reach of children.
- Store medicines and household products separately, and keep away from food products.
- Keep items in the bottle, box, or jar they came in.
- Leave labels on all products, and read the label before using.
- Refer to medicine as “medicine,” not “candy.”
- Vitamins are medicine, too. Vitamins, especially those with iron, can cause poisoning.
- Clean out the medicine cabinet. Dispose of medicines properly.

Visit our website for more information: www.upstatepoison.org



UPSTATE
NEW YORK
POISON CENTER

UPSTATE
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY