

# Poisoning Prevention

## Facts About Poisonings

- ◆ It is estimated that over 90% of all poisonings happen **in the home**.
- ◆ Over 75% of the poisonings are accidental and most happen to children between the ages of 6 months and 5 years.
- ◆ **Most accidental poisonings CAN be prevented!**

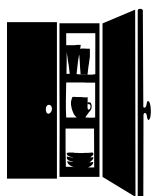


## Poison Prevention Tips

\* **SUPERVISION.** Make sure that you know where children are at all times. Adult supervision is the best way to prevent poisonings.

### \* **MEDICINES**

- ✓ Use only child resistant covers.



- ✓ Keep in locked cabinets.
- ✓ After using medicines, make sure to return them to a safe storage.

- ✓ When giving medicine to children always measure the correct dose, do not guess.
- ✓ Never tell children that medicine is candy.
- ✓ Never take medicine in front of children. They often imitate adults.

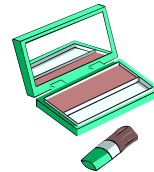


- ✓ Get rid of old medicines by flushing them down the toilet and rinsing the container with water.

### \* **PRODUCTS IN THE HOME**



- ✓ Make sure the products you use have child resistant covers.



- ✓ Keep all household cleaners and detergents in locked cabinets.
- ✓ After using products make sure to return them to a safe storage.
- ✓ Keep products in original containers. Never put them into food or beverage containers.
- ✓ Know the names of all your plants and which ones are poisonous.
- ✓ Keep all plants out of the reach of small children.
- ✓ Don't allow children to put any part of plants in their mouths.
- ✓ Do not leave your purse where a child can reach it. Cosmetics, perfumes, medications and vitamins can poison a child.



- ✓ Make sure that you have the **California Poison Control System** hotline number posted near each telephone in your home.



**The California Poison Control System Hotline is  
1-800-876-4766**