

Medication Safety in the Home: Protect Your Children & Prevent Accidental Ingestions

6 Tips to Safely Store Medicine

In ER visits for medicine poisonings, parents often say that they only turned their back for **ONE MINUTE**.

Up and Away

Keep prescriptions and over-the-counter medications up and away, in a locked container or medication safe.

Out of Reach of Curious Climbers

In about half of over-the-counter poisoning cases, the child climbed on a chair, toy, or other object to reach medicine.

LESS THAN 1 IN 4

caregivers use safe storage practices for medication at home.¹

Know What's in the House

Ask family and guests if they have medication in their purse or luggage so you can put it away safely while at your home.

NEARLY 1 IN 6 of all child fatalities and near fatalities in Kentucky were related to the ingestion of substances.²

800-222-1222

Program the Poison Control Center Number in your phone and keep it posted on your refrigerator.



Child-Resistant ≠ Childproof

Research suggests about half of accidental poisonings involved child-resistant packaging.

EVERY 9 MINUTES, a young child goes to the ER because they got into medicine.

Keep Track

of the number of pills/strips you have in your medication bottle so you can know how many a child may have ingested.

Scan the QR code for more resources and supplies!



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² Kentucky Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel 2020 Annual Report