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.

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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.

Every 9 minutes, a young child goes to the ER because they got into medicine.

Child-Resistant ≠ Childproof
Research suggests about half of accidental poisonings involved child-resistant packaging.

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.

800-222-1222
Program the Poison Control Center Number in your phone and keep it posted on your refrigerator.

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

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Scan the QR code for more resources and supplies!

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