

## Resources

CPSC PPPA Information:

[www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)

(Search: *Poison Prevention Information Center*)

CDC PROTECT Initiative:

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

(Search: *PROTECT Initiative*)

AARP

American Association of  
Poison Control Centers

American Medical Association

National Capital Poison Center

Poison Prevention Week Council

Safe Kids

For more products covered under  
the PPPA visit:

[www.cpsc.gov/en/Regulations-  
Laws--Standards/Statutes/Poison-  
Prevention-Packaging-Act/](http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Regulations-Laws--Standards/Statutes/Poison-Prevention-Packaging-Act/)



USCPSC  
[CPSC.gov](http://CPSC.gov)



**In case  
of Poisoning:**

*Call the Poison Help Line*

**1-800-222-1222**

# STOP CHILD POISONINGS



**Can you tell  
the difference?**

*Bright colors and  
sweet smells  
appeal to children.*

**Each year,** unintentional poison exposures send an average estimated 85,000 children to emergency departments nationwide **and cause an average of 31 deaths.** Most incidents occur at home **with commonly used household products.**

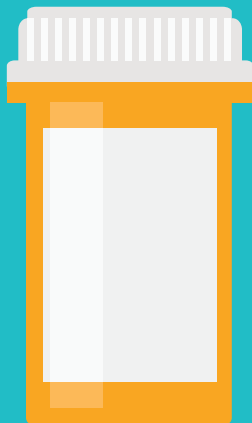
## Poison Prevention Packaging Act (PPPA)

What is it? The PPPA is a law passed in 1970 to help **protect children under 5 years old** from being poisoned by household chemicals or medicines. Because of this law, companies must put certain medicines and hazardous household chemicals used in the home in **special packaging that is child-resistant and senior-friendly.** Child poisoning deaths have decreased by more than **80%** since 1970 because of the PPPA.

**The PPPA is effective,**

**BUT:**

The special packaging is **child resistant,** not **child-proof,** and your child may be able to open the container.



## What Products Require Special Packaging

*(Child-Resistant and Senior-Friendly)?*

### Hazardous Household Chemicals

- Furniture polish, fuels, paint solvents, glue removers, some cosmetics, drain and other cleaners, and antifreeze.



### Medications

- Oral prescription drugs, iron supplements and some over-the-counter medications.



*For the complete list of substances see link under resources*

## Common Mistakes

- Opening special packaging (child-resistant) in front of children
- Transferring hazardous household chemicals to non child-resistant containers, such as a water bottle
- Leaving easy-access weekly pill containers where children can reach them.
- Forgetting to re-secure medicine and hazardous household chemical packages after each use.



- Storing medications, vitamins and mouthwash within a child's reach.
- Throwing away medication patches in trash containers children can get into.

**Remember!**

## "On Tight and Out of Sight"

**O** Only keep hazardous household chemicals and medications in original packaging.

**N** Never leave easy access weekly pill containers or open medicine packages on the counter.

**T** To keep hazardous household chemicals and medicines out of sight, in a cabinet secured with a lock or latch.

**I** It is important to place purses and coats containing medicine out of a child's reach.

**G** Go into another room when taking medicine because children tend to imitate adults.

**H** Help grandparents by purchasing a medicine lockbox for use during family visits.

**T** Tightly secure all medicine and household chemical containers after each use.