

Resources

CPSC PPPA Information:

www.cpsc.gov

(Search: Poison Prevention Information Center)

CDC PROTECT Initiative:

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/



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NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY NETWORK
A PROJECT OF THE U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

STOP CHILD POISONINGS



**In case
of Poisoning:**

Call the Poison Help Line

1-800-222-1222

**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.**

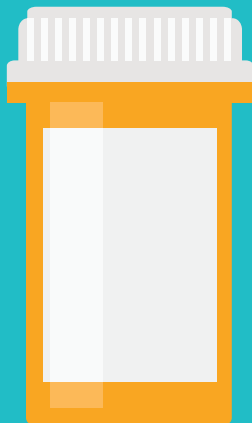
Poison Prevention Packaging Act (PPPA)

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.