



Tips to Prevent Poisonings

Every day, 87 people in the U.S. die as a result of unintentional poisoning and more than 2,200 are treated in emergency rooms. Most of these poisonings occur in people's homes.

Get [tips to prevent poisonings](#), including:

- Never take larger or more frequent doses of your medications to try to get faster or more powerful effects.
- Turn on a light when you give or take medicines at night so that you know you have the right medicine and the correct amount.
- Keep medicines and chemicals in their original bottles or containers.
- To keep young children safe, store all medicines and household products up and out of sight and reach.
- Secure the child safety cap every time you use a medicine.
- Do not refer to medicine as "candy."
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Call **911** if a poison victim has collapsed or isn't breathing. If the victim is awake and alert, call the [Poison Help](#) line a **1-800-222-1222**.

