

# Top 10 Ways to Poison Proof Your Home

## CALIFORNIA POISON CONTROL SYSTEM

- 1.** Save the toll-free Poison Hotline number, **1-800-222-1222**, in all phones—it's fast, free, and confidential.
- 2.** Keep all household and personal care products in their original containers.
- 3.** Lock household cleaners up, out of sight and reach of children.
- 4.** Install Carbon monoxide (CO) and smoke detectors in your home and test that they are working every 6 months.
- 5.** Keep house plants out of reach of small children and know the names of these plants in case of an emergency.
- 6.** Never call medicine “candy”—children may confuse medicine, including vitamins and supplements, for candy.
- 7.** Do not take medicine in front of children—they like to imitate adults.
- 8.** Safely dispose of any expired, unwanted, or unused medicine by participating in medicine take-back programs or disposing of them in proper collection bins.
- 9.** Store purses and bags out of reach from children to avoid the misuse of potentially poisonous products like medicine, cosmetics, and hand sanitizers.
- 10.** Supervise children around items that use button batteries, which are small, coin shaped batteries, found in toys, remote controls, and greeting cards. Call 911 right away if a child swallows a button battery.



**Call California Poison Control at 1-800-222-1222, if you or someone else touches, tastes, breathes, or swallows something that could be harmful.**

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 Text TIPS to 20121 for poison safety information in English. Text PUNTOS for Spanish.



**Don't Guess.  
Be Sure.**