

Every 30 seconds a child is poisoned in the United States!

*Most poisonings are unintentional and **can** be prevented.*



Apple Juice or Pine Cleaner?



Tic Tac or Medicine?



Comet or Parmesan Cheese?



Glass Cleaner or Powerade?



Gummy Bears or Gummy Vitamins?



Sweet Tarts or Tums?

It can sometimes be difficult to differentiate between a food and a poison. Imagine a child coming across two of the different items above and he or she did not have the ability to differentiate between a sweet treat and something harmful. Adults need to be aware of the placement of potentially harmful products. Children may not understand that eating or drinking the wrong thing could be harmful to them. Here are a few tips to help avoid an accidental poisoning:

Remember Poisons come in many forms:

- Solids – powders, granules, plants, berries, mushrooms, and medicines
- Liquids – all colors and thickness (watery, syrupy, pasty) and in many types of containers
- Sprays – aerosol cans such as hair spray, furniture polish, and perfumes
- Invisible Gases – such as fumes from a car's muffler or an incorrectly vented gas appliance.

Keep all potentially poisonous substances locked up when not in use, and do not leave poisons out unsupervised! *Also, keep poisons in their original containers so they are clearly identified!*

Hopefully this information will help you be more aware of the potential dangers that are in every household. If you or someone you know has consumed something potentially poisonous call **911** and contact the poison control center at **1-800-222-1222**. Please have the container and the quantity of the consumed product available to aide with correct treatment procedures.

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Poison Control : 1-800-222-1222