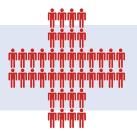


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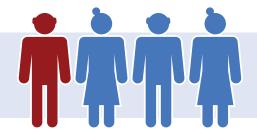
Safe Storage of Prescription Medications



From 2006 to 2012, there were 21,928 pediatric (age 18 or younger) Emergency Department visits for prescription opioid poisonings, and more than half were unintentional.

Children under six years of age account for 46.8 percent of all human exposure calls to poison centers.²





Nearly 1 out of every 4 grandparents say they store prescription medication(s) in easy-access places, and 18 percent keep over-the-counter medication(s) in accessible places.³

What You Can Do

- Make sure your medications are out of sight and out of reach from children and guests. Lock boxes work well.
- Teach your children about medication safety. Never tell children medication is candy to get them to take it.
- Make sure the safety cap is locked. Twist until you hear the click or you can't twist anymore.
- · Keep track of how much medication you've used and keep a list of all medications in the house.
- Ask houseguests and visitors to keep purses or coats that have medication(s) in them out of sight when they're in your home.

When You're Away From Home

- When packing for a trip, keep your medication(s) in their original child-resistant containers.
- When staying in a hotel, secure your medication(s) in a passcode-protected hotel room safe.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Call 9-1-1 in case of overdose or the National Poison Help number at 1–800–222–1222 for more information.







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