

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT STORING MEDICINE

JUST ONE MINUTE

In ER visits for medicine poisonings, parents often say that they only turned their back for a minute.



CURIOS CLIMBERS

Research indicates in about half of over-the-counter poisoning cases, the child climbed on a chair, toy or other object to reach medicine.



CHILD-RESISTANT ≠ CHILDPROOF

Research suggests about half of accidental poisonings involved child-resistant packaging.



EVERY 9 MINUTES,

a young child (under age 6) goes to the ER because he/she got into medicine, and



EVERY HOUR,

a young child is hospitalized, and



EVERY 12 DAYS

a young child dies.



THE RISK IS REAL: HOW FAMILIES CAN HELP PROTECT KIDS

- Put all medicine up and away, out of children's reach and sight. Remember to keep visitors' purses, bags and coats out of reach, as they may contain medicine.
- Remember child-resistant packaging is not childproof. So put medicine away immediately after every use, even if you need to give another dose in a few hours.
- Save the Poison Help number – 1-800-222-1222 – in your phone and post it visibly at home so other caregivers can find it in an emergency.

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