

Mr. Yuk means no!



If you have small children, you spend a lot of time teaching them about the things they should not do and should not touch. But who says “no” when you are not home?

Your house is filled with many products that make life easier and more pleasant, yet they can be dangerous if children eat them, touch them or breathe in their fumes. Keep the following tips in mind when teaching your children about poisons:

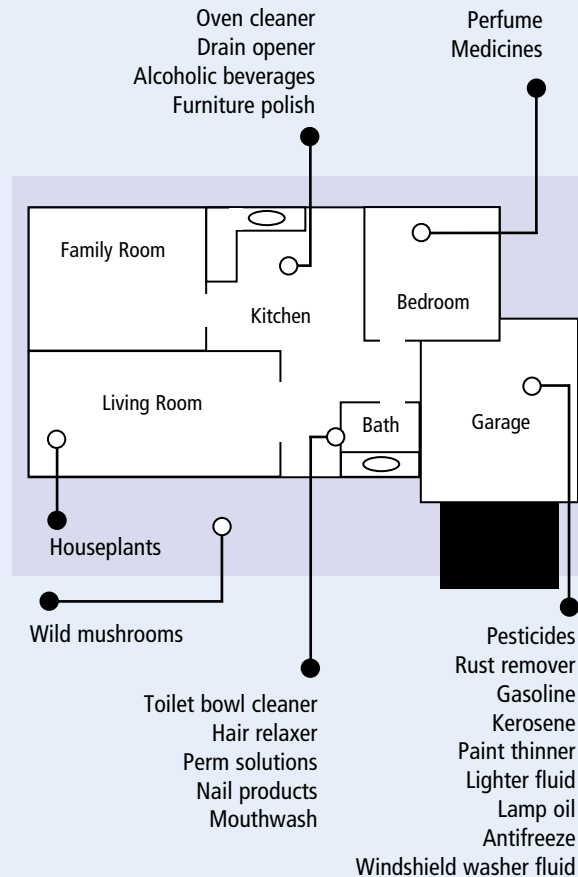
- Cosmetics, cleaning supplies and medicines can be harmful, even fatal, to curious children.
- To let your children know to stay away from dangerous items, paste Mr. Yuk stickers (*see above, left*) on the items and explain that anything with the Mr. Yuk sticker on it is not to be eaten, smelled or touched.
- Mr. Yuk stickers work best when your children are with you when you put them on dangerous things.

In addition to being a good warning signal, Mr. Yuk stickers also have the emergency telephone number of Wisconsin Poison Center printed on them. The center’s nurses are ready to deal with accidental poisonings 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To order Mr. Yuk stickers, visit wisconsinpoison.org.

Prevent poisonings at home

Medicines and other products can hurt you if they are used the wrong way, in the wrong amount or by the wrong person. Put Mr. Yuk stickers on the things listed below.



Have questions?
All questions about poisons
are smart questions.
Ask FIRST to prevent poisoning!

1-800-222-1222
wisconsinpoison.org



Call toll-free seven days a week.

For hearing impaired:
TDD/TTY (414) 266-2542

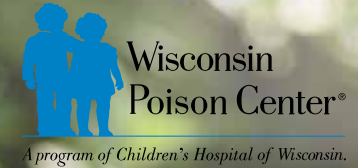
Interpreters are available to help all
non-English speaking callers.

Wisconsin Poison Center is fully certified by the
American Association of Poison Control Centers.

How you can help

While poison prevention, consultation and treatment assistance is free, the expertise needed to handle poison emergencies is costly. Your support helps us continue to provide the education and resources to reduce unintentional poisonings. Learn more about how you and your company can support Wisconsin Poison Center at wisconsinpoison.org.

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**Protect your family
from poisons**

Tips to make your home safe

- 1 Keep all medicines, poisons and household chemicals away from children and away from food. Never leave them on the bedside table, kitchen table or bathroom counter. Lock them up if possible.
- 2 Teach children never to put medicines, chemicals, plants or berries in their mouths unless an adult says it's OK. At an early age, teach children that some pretty things, like vitamins and aspirin, can hurt them.
- 3 Never store poison in food or beverage containers. Children could mistake it for a treat.
- 4 Read all labels. Follow the instructions and measure carefully. Open and take medicines only when the lights are on.
- 5 Do not take medicine in front of children since they like to copy adults. Never call medicine "candy" to get a child take it.
- 6 Never carry medicine in your purse or diaper bag, because children like to play with them. Children can open child-resistant or child-proof containers!
- 7 Never siphon liquid, like gas, from one container to another.
- 8 Keep windows/doors open or run fans when using cleaning products. Never mix cleaning products together.
- 9 Protect skin and eyes with goggles and gloves when using insect killers, solvents, garden spray, etc.
- 10 Do not eat or serve foods that smell or look spoiled. Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold.
- 11 Never use syrup of ipecac for a poison emergency. It no longer is recommended.
- 12 Work together with your child to put Mr. Yuk stickers on dangerous substances.



In case of accidental poisoning

- When a poisonous substance is swallowed, **do not** give the person anything to eat or drink. Call the Poison Center immediately.
- If the substance touches the skin or gets in the eyes, wash the area with warm water for 20 minutes.
- If the person breathes in the poison, get him or her into fresh air for 20 minutes.

The national poison center toll-free telephone number is 1-800-222-1222. This number connects you to the nearest poison center in your area.

Bring the product or bottle to the phone so you can read the label to the staff at the poison center. Tell the nurse:

- What was taken.
- How much was taken.
- When it was taken.
- Age and weight of the person.

Protect your little ones from their natural curiosity.



Education programs

In addition to sponsoring the Mr. Yuk program and providing poison information and treatment, Wisconsin Poison Center has year-round programs to teach health care professionals and educators how to prevent accidental poisoning.

For education information, you also may visit wisconsinpoison.org or contact:

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(414) 266-2630



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