



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

# GET READY. STAY READY.

## Emergency Tip of the Month

According to Healthy Child Care, “more than one million poisonings in children under age five years are reported to poison control centers annually. More than 100,000 of these poisonings result in hospitalization.” Here are some tips to help keep your child care program safe when dealing with hazardous materials.

1. Licensing regulations require poisons to be locked – a lock is defined as a key or combination operated mechanism used to fasten shut a door or lid.
2. Child proof devices are not considered ‘locks’ unless they are operated by a key or combination.
3. Poisonous items that should be locked include but are not limited to: bug spray, rat poison and weed killer.
4. Other common household items that are hazardous to children need to be made inaccessible. For example, placing an item in a cupboard above the refrigerator.
5. Items that need to be made inaccessible to children are: hand sanitizer, sunscreen, shampoo, medicines, sharp or small objects, and cleaning supplies.
6. No device is completely childproof; proper supervision is always necessary and required.

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