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Accidents in the home- Ingestion of household products

Top tips to keep products away from children

Suspected poisoning is one of the most common reasons for young children to be taken to A&E.

Check all substances that may be hazardous.

- **Store safely:** Keep all household chemicals, medicines, and potentially harmful products out of reach of children. Store them in locked cabinets, preferably on a high shelf. If this is not possible fit safety catches on any low cupboard doors and drawers
- **Use child-resistant caps:** Check that child-resistant caps are working and close properly after use. However, some children can open these caps easily
- **Keep products in their original containers:** Don't put chemicals in old bottles or containers that were used for food
- **Do not store toxic products near food**
- **Ask family members and guests to store medications and other items in a safe place**
- **Keep liquid detergent and dishwasher tablets in a safe place away from children**

[Poisoning Prevention | Child Accident Prevention Trust \(capt.org.uk\)](https://www.capt.org.uk)

