

Poison Prevention Awareness Month



For a poison emergency in the U.S. call 1-800-222-1222 American Association of Poison Control Centers

Poison Prevention Week starts March 16th through the 22nd. Did you know that poisoning is now the leading cause of death from injuries in the United States for many age groups? Over 33,000 people died in the year 2010 from unintentional poisoning. Surprisingly the most affected group were people 25-65 years of age. A poison can be defined as any substance that can harm someone if it is used in the wrong way, by the wrong person or in the wrong amount.

Let's not forget about our four-legged furry friends. As pet owners we need to be aware of the different dangers our pets can get into during different seasons.

	WINTER	SPRING/SUMMER	
•	Toxic Foods	٠	Fertilizers
•	Medications	٠	Pesticides
•	Supplements	٠	Plant Bulbs
•	Ice melts	٠	Insecticides
•	Antifreeze	٠	Sunscreens
•	Fire Starter Logs	•	Firework/ Firework Debris

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#### Signs of Pet Poisoning

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Drooling

Nausea

♦ Loss of Appetite

## Safety Tips

- Always turn the light on when giving or taking medicine
- Put on your reading glasses to read the label when you need to take medicine
- Never "borrow" a friend's medicine or take old medicine
- Clean out the medicine cabinet periodically, for example when the time changes (this year March 9th)





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