### Check for Poisons in Your Home

#### Kitchen

#### Bed

Liquor Vanilla extract Cleaning agents Dishwasher products Veterinary medicines Vaxes and polishes Oven cleaner Drain cleaner Spray oils Medicines

#### Laundry Room

Cleaning solutions Fabric softeners Detergents Fabric dyes Bleach

#### Bathroom

Medicines Cosmetics Hair products Rubbing alcohol Aftershaves and colognes Cleaning and polishing agents First aid solutions and creams Toilet cleaners and drain openers

#### Bedroom Nail polish and remover

Birth control pills Medications Perfume

#### Living room

Cleaning solutions Plants (dieffenbachia, philodendron, some types of ivy and fern) Cigarettes and Liquor

#### Basement/ Garage/Storage

Paints, lacquers and varnishes Turpentine and paint thinner Windshield washer fluid Gasoline and motor oil Wood treatments Charcoal lighter Lye Fertilizer Mothballs Antifreeze Weed killer Insecticides

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Help and advice on **poisons, drugs and medications** is a phone call away



# Poison & Drug Information Service (PADIS)

## Medication and Herbal Advice

PADIS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to answer any questions about poisons, chemicals or toxins you may have come into contact with.

#### What to do when you call

- Have the poison, chemical or toxin container with you if possible, or take note of how it looked
- Listen carefully to instructions
- Ask questions if you don't understand
- Follow the advice of the PADIS expert, and head to the hospital if advised

# Be prepared to answer questions about:

- The condition of the person exposed to the poison, chemical or toxin
- What and how much product was involved
- Information from the container label or a description of the substance
- The involved person's name, sex, age and weight

The PADIS expert will then recommend first aid treatment or connect you with immediate medical attention, if needed.

#### If the individual is unconscious, not breathing, or having a seizure call 911 immediately.

PADIS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to answer any questions about the medications, drugs or herbals you may be taking.

#### Why call?

- When you need more information on the drugs you are taking and the possible side-effects, interactions or risks
- When you've found conflicting information on the web or from a friend and you want to find out more from an expert
- When you can't get in touch with your doctor, nurse practitioner, or other health care provider to ask questions about your medications or how they are affecting your health

#### We provide information about:

- Prescription and over the counter medications
- Herbals
- Vitamins and supplements
- Birth control

#### We provide advice about:

- Using medications and herbal supplements while pregnant or breast feeding
- Herbal supplement safety or interactions with prescription medication
- How best to take your medicine

### What is PADIS?

The Poison and Drug Information Service is a multidisciplinary team of experts specially trained in poisons, toxins, drugs and medications. PADIS is always ready to respond to emergencies and answer questions.

#### This team of experts:

- Has been educated and trained in dealing with various herbs, chemicals, plants and natural toxins
- Can assess and evaluate your situation in a timely manner
- Will research the most up-to-date information to provide you with timely, appropriate advice for your situation
- Will provide ongoing support and follow-up until the situation is resolved

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