

HEALTHY HOMES



Household Chemicals

Common household products may contain harmful chemicals. Household products include drain and oven cleaners, bug sprays, bleach and ammonia. Accidental swallowing or improper use may cause illness and even death.

Things You Can Do to Prevent Accidental Poisonings

- **Read the label** on any chemical that you bring into the home. Carefully read about product hazards and safety precautions.
- **Choose the least toxic product for the job.** Labels that say "Poison" or "Danger" should be avoided when possible.
- **Follow product instructions.** Use products only for their intended purpose.
- **Store and use chemicals away from children.** Use childproof locks on cabinets.
- **Use household products with enough fresh air.** Avoid use in small, enclosed spaces. Open windows and doors, and use an exhaust fan, if available.
- **Protect Yourself.** Use safety goggles and gloves when directed.
- **Less is better.** Use only what you need.
- **Keep products in original, labeled containers.** Never put in food or drink containers.
- **Do not mix products together** unless instructed by the label. **Never** mix ammonia and chlorine bleach.

Suggested Products

- Appropriate gloves (read label)
- Goggles
- Childproof locks for cabinets

For More Information

Call the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

In NYC, Call 311 or go to nyc.gov/health

Keep the Poison Control Center number handy:

(800) 222-1222



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