

What can I do to prevent plant poisonings?

- Keep plants up high and out-of-reach.
- Label all plants by name.
- Check with the Poison Control Center or local florist before buying plants.
- Never eat wild mushrooms, berries or plants from the outdoors.
- Never chew on jewelry made from beans or seeds.
- Keep the Poison Control Center telephone number **(1-800-222-1222)** on all telephones.
- Call the Poison Control Center any time you think someone has eaten or touched a plant that may be poisonous.

- Your Poison Control Center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Pharmacists and nurses certified in poison information are there to give advice.
- All calls are free and confidential.
- Translation services are provided.
- Ask for free brochures, telephone stickers, and magnets.



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Help
1-800-222-1222

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You Can
Prevent Plant
Poisonings

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Poison Control Center**
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24 hours a day,
7 days a week

Why is it important to know the names of plants?

Children and pets often find plants appealing and may eat the leaves or berries. Some plants are completely safe but some are poisonous if swallowed.

What are the symptoms that someone has eaten a poisonous plant?

Symptoms vary from a stomachache to serious damage to the body.

What are some common poisonous plants?

Dieffenbachia
English Ivy
Holly Berry
Jimson Weed
Lily of the Valley
Morning Glory
Peace Lily
Philodendron
Pokeweed
Yew

This is only a small list of plants. Check with the Poison Control Center about the safety of plants not listed here.

What are some common non-toxic (safe) plants?*

African Violet
Christmas Cactus
Dandelion
Impatience
Jade Plant
Lily
Petunia
Roses
Spider Plant
Wandering Jew

***Note: Plants are never completely safe. Even plants that are “non-toxic” may cause a reaction in sensitive people.**

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