



Never eat wild mushrooms, berries, or plants from the outdoors



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- 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.

You Can Prevent Plant Poisonings



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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 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
- 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.

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

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

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 if they are poisonous.
- 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.

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