



**MICHIGAN POISON & DRUG
INFORMATION CENTER**
WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

MEDICATION SAFETY

**Children under the age of 5
account for nearly 45% of
all exposures reported to
your Michigan Poison & Drug
Information Center**

(National Poison Data System, 2019)

**Over 26,000
children under
5 years of age**

**Over 15,700
children under
5 years of age
exposed to
medication
unexpectedly**

**Over 21% of all cases reported
to your Michigan Poison
Center regarding children
under the age of 5 were
related to unexpected
exposure to medications**

(National Poison Data System, 2019)

**Unexpected & unintentional exposures to substances
including medication can happen anywhere, but most
happen in a home.**

**Over 45,000 unintentional
exposures to substances,
including medication, were
reported to your Michigan
Poison Center**

(National Poison Data System, 2019)



**Prevent unexpected exposure to medication & other
substances in your home, schools, businesses, & vehicles.**

**See the next page for helpful tips to keep
medications & other substances
out of sight & reach of children
&
vulnerable adults**



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PREVENTION AT HOME

- Store all medication in a locked cupboard above adult eye level
- Medication lock boxes are recommended & should also be stored in a cupboard above adult eye
- NEVER leave pill planners out where children or vulnerable adults may see them
- Avoid taking your medication when children or vulnerable adults are present
- Remember to check the label:



1. When taking medication out of lock box or out of cupboard
2. While preparing medication for administration
3. Before taking or administering medication

- NEVER leave open medication containers unattended or out of sight
- Close all medication containers immediately after use
- Be sure "Child Resistant Caps" are completely closed before storing medication bottles
- NEVER leave purses, backpacks, or tote bags that carry medication on the floor where children can access them

PREVENTION OUTSIDE OF HOME

- Do not assume others take the same precautions you take in your home
- Medication and recreational substances may be used in other homes
- Check a new environment from a child's or vulnerable adult's viewpoint:
 - Crawl on the floor to locate safety hazards
 - Open cupboards
 - Fallen/dropped pills
 - Bags or purses left on floor or within reach
 - Medication bottles or pill planners left out on counters/tables
 - Access to rooms where medication is typically stored
 - Bathrooms
 - Bedrooms
 - Kitchen



- Medication & recreational substances intended for adults can cause serious & life-threatening symptoms in children
- "Child Resistant Caps" on medication bottles are NOT child proof even when closed properly
- Seek medical care if anyone has become sick after taking medication
- Call your MiPDC, day or night, for unintended exposure to medications or other substances



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