

# POISON ANTIDOTE



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## SPRING CLEANING

Spring is a popular time to get that deep cleaning done. Chances are you rely on a full brigade of powerful cleaners and disinfectants. It's important to always use and store household cleaning products with care. Avoiding unintentional exposure must be a primary concern for anyone using these products---especially with young children around.

Here are some tips to reduce the risk for unintentional exposures.

- Store cleaning products in a locked closet or cabinet, away from food, and not accessible to young children.
- Store products in their original container and never remove product labels.
- Put the product away immediately after removing the amount needed for the cleaning job at hand.
- Rinse measuring cups after each use to avoid accidentally mixing products.
- Don't mix chlorine bleach or any product containing chlorine bleach with ammonia-containing products or acid products, such as toilet bowl cleaners.
- Don't leave cleaning buckets containing even a small amount of liquid unattended; and never allow toddlers around buckets while in use.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for use, *but* do not follow the First Aid instructions. Call your Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222, for First Aid instructions.



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## NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK

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Over 2 million calls annually are placed to poison centers nationally. The US Congress established Poison Prevention Week in 1961 to raise awareness of the dangers of unintentional poisoning and steps that can be taken to prevent these poisonings in the first place. The theme is "*Children Act Fast...So Do Poisons!*"

## PROTECTING YOUR PETS DURING SPRING

### GARDENING

Spring means gardening and working in the yard. With the change in weather come many unknown dangers. With that in mind, it's important to know that the UPCC is here to help – even your pets!

Fertilizers, some mulch products, and many plants can be poisonous. Here are some tips to keep pets safe when working in the yard.

- Keep pets on a leash or indoors when working with fertilizers, weed killers, and pesticides.
- Some mulches have scents that attract dogs but contain harmful products. *An example is Cocoa Bean Mulch.*
- Pets love to wander, please make sure you keep plants and bulbs out of reach of pets before they are put into the garden.
- Please be extra careful with rat poison, and snail baits. These are extremely toxic substances. Store them in a locked cabinet, up high and out of reach.

In case of a poison emergency with your pet, don't hesitate to contact the UPCC at 1-800-222-1222.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE SPRING!