

Mr. Yuk is recognized as a poison prevention symbol.

Mr. Yuk says “Do not touch, Do not taste, Do not smell”



Stay Away...Ask An Adult First

Mr. Yuk stickers should be used to label and identify substances that are potentially poisonous. If you would like 2 sheets of Mr. Yuk stickers for free, send a self-addressed, stamped business size envelope to:

Pittsburgh Poison Center  
200 Lothrop Street  
PFG 01-01-01  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Keep the Poison Center number posted on or near the phone:

**1-800-222-1222**

Text “poison” to 797979 to add the poison center number as a contact in your cellphone.

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Email: MrYuk@upmc.edu

## What to do when an accidental poisoning occurs:

- Stop further exposure to the poison.
- Call the Poison Center immediately at 1-800-222-1222.
- If the person is unresponsive or not breathing, call 911 immediately.

When calling the poison center, be ready to provide:

- Symptoms
- Name and phone number
- Age and weight of victim
- Name of product and ingredients
- Amount of product involved
- Time of incident
- Any first aid measures already performed

Poison Centers provide emergency assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.



### REMEMBER

Most poisoning exposures do not require treatment in an emergency department. A call to the Poison Center may be all that is necessary. If it is determined that hospital treatment is necessary, the Poison Center staff will refer the patient to the closest hospital that is equipped to handle the problem. While the patient is on the way to the hospital, the Poison Center staff will notify the emergency department and make their recommendation for treatment. When the patient arrives in the emergency department, the staff will be ready to treat the poison victim. This way, valuable minutes and lives may be saved.

To obtain other Mr. Yuk poison prevention materials visit our website:  
[www.mryuk1.com](http://www.mryuk1.com)



Use Mr. Yuk to teach your children about poison safety and how to contact the Poison Center.

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## POISON PREVENTION IN THE HOME



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## What is Poison?

A poison is anything that can make you sick or kill you if you eat it, breathe it, or get it in your eyes or on your skin

## Beware of Look Alikes

Poisons can look like food or drink. Teach children to ask an adult before eating or drinking anything. Keep all cleaning products and medications in original containers. Never put chemicals or cleaning products in empty food or drink containers.



Gummy Vitamins vs Fruit Snacks



Remember, young children can't read labels, and many products around the home look like candy or something tasty to drink.

Don't take medication in front of children and never tell children that medication is candy.



## Who is most vulnerable?

More than half of all reported poisonings occur in children under the age of six.

It is estimated that over 2 million accidental poisonings occur every year. More than half of those are in children under 6 years old.



Young children are curious explorers. They like to climb and get into everything. They also like to examine brightly colored pills and attractively packaged household products. Many children, if given the chance, will put some of these products into their mouths and swallow them. Accidental poisoning occurs from ingesting medicines, drain cleaners, bleaches, other household chemicals, and even household plants.

What are the most common product exposures reported? These products can be found in every room of the house:

- Cleaning Products
- Pain relievers
- Cosmetic/personal care products
- Prescription Medications
- Hand Sanitizer
- Laundry Care Products

Poison-proofing your home should be done throughout the entire house.

## How to Prevent Accidental Poisoning

Pittsburgh Poison Center encourages you to take these steps to prevent accidental poisoning:

- Buy safety-packaged/child-resistant household products when available. Remember **NOTHING** is child-proof.
- Keep household products and medications up and out of reach/out of sight of your children. Keep in a locked cabinet UP & AWAY of little hands.
- Keep all medications and household products in their original containers. Do not store these products with food.
- Read the label on all household products and medications. Closely follow directions for safe use.
- Always turn on lights when giving/taking medications so you can clearly read directions.
- Do not take medication in front of children, they may imitate your actions.



- If you have a child who is able to crawl or walk, keep household plants up and out of reach.
- If you are using a cleaning product and get called away to answer the door or phone, take it with you to prevent your child from getting into it.
- Do not mix cleaning supplies! This can cause the release of dangerous gases.
- Do not induce vomiting in your child unless you have been instructed to do so by the Poison Center or your doctor.
- If you have any questions about a product or suspect potential poisoning call the Poison Center at:

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