



Many common household products such as cleaners and pesticides could hurt a child if not used and stored correctly. Adults have an important responsibility to prevent children from exposure to these potentially harmful products.

EPA encourages consumers to consider using EPA-registered biopesticides and products with **EPA's Safer Choice label**, which are generally less harmful.

Keep Children Safe with these Tips

✓ Read the Label First

Labels tell you:

- How to use the product safely and effectively.
- How to store the product safely.
- First aid instructions.
- Phone numbers to call for help or more information.

✓ Follow all Label Precautions

- Warnings and directions for use tell you how to use products safely and correctly. This helps keep you and your children safe.
- Follow warnings to open windows, wear gloves, and not breathe product dust.
- Keep children away from spills and treated areas as directed.

✓ Keep Products in Original Containers

- It is very dangerous to put products in food and beverage containers. Children think that something in a familiar juice or soda bottle is good to drink.
- If you throw away the original container, you throw away important information needed in case of an emergency.
- If the label tells you to mix a product in another container, use up all of the mixture.
- If you can't use all of the mixture at once, label the new container for future use and note the safety information.

✓ Store Products Out of the Reach of Children

- Make sure all of your household cleaning and pesticide products are stored out of children's reach.
- Use childproof locks on low cabinets.
- Make certain child-resistant caps and covers are in place.
- Teach your children that household products are not toys.

Know Where to Call for Help

- Many labels contain a phone number to call in an emergency.
- Have the phone number for your doctor and local poison control center by the phone.
- Have the product with you when you call. The label contains important information about the product.

