

# Safe Storage of Medicines & Household Chemicals

## Safety and Security Tips from S.E.A.L. Security Solutions

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### Common Electrical Safety Hazards Around the Home

For adults and children alike, common household supplies can be dangerous when ingested, inhaled, or when coming into contact with skin or eyes.



Additionally, over-the-counter drugs and prescription drugs can have adverse effects if not taken with caution. You also do not want children to find medicines and think they are something to eat or drink.

### Household Chemicals

When using household cleaners and chemicals, more is not better. More just means more dangerous. Follow these tips for household chemical safety:

- Always read the label before using a product that may be poisonous or hazardous.
- Keep chemicals in their original containers, read instructions and warnings before use.
- Never mix household chemicals as this could release toxic gases.
- Make sure the room you are cleaning or working in is well-ventilated.
- Keep chemicals in locked cabinets, away from children and pets.

### Household Medicines

- Always follow the directions on the medicine label when you are giving or taking medication. Correct dosage is important.
- Medicine should be kept in locked cabinets, out of the sight and reach of children.
- Check with your doctor before taking multiple over-the-counter or prescription medications.
- Never share prescribed medication with anyone for whom the medication is not prescribed, as dosage and other drug safety concerns vary from person to person.
- Periodically clean out your medicine cabinets. Check expiration dates on over-the-counter and prescription drugs and discard those that have expired.

## If Poisoning Occurs

- Remain calm.
- Call 9-1-1 or the poison control center at 1 (800) 222-1222.
- Have the following information available:
  - The victim's age and weight.
  - The container or bottle of the poison.
  - The time of exposure.
  - The address where the poisoning occurred.
- Stay on the phone and follow the directions given by the operator.
- With many pills, it may take several hours or longer for symptoms to develop. Do not wait. Call the poison control center immediately.
- Anyone exposed to a toxic gas should be removed from the source and placed in fresh air.

## Be Prepared

Keep a list of important phone numbers handy, and include the following:

National Poison Control: 1 (800) 222-1222)

Your doctor

Your nearest hospital

Your local ambulance service

**Oak Forest Hotline**

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