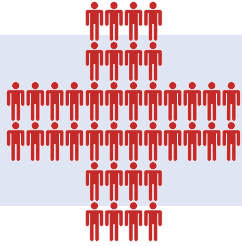




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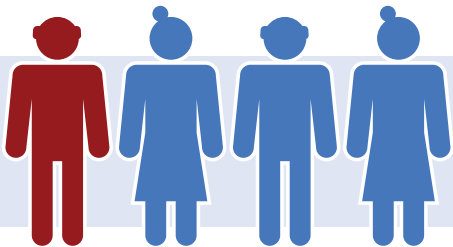
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Safe Storage of Prescription Medications



From 2006 to 2012, there were **21,928 pediatric** (age 18 or younger) Emergency Department visits for prescription opioid poisonings, and more than half were unintentional.¹

Children under six years of age account for 46.8 percent of all human exposure calls to poison centers.²



Nearly 1 out of every 4 grandparents say they store prescription medication(s) in easy-access places, and 18 percent keep over-the-counter medication(s) in accessible places.³

What You Can Do

- Make sure your medications are out of sight and out of reach from children and guests. Lock boxes work well.
- Teach your children about medication safety. Never tell children medication is candy to get them to take it.
- Make sure the safety cap is locked. Twist until you hear the click or you can't twist anymore.
- Keep track of how much medication you've used and keep a list of all medications in the house.
- Ask houseguests and visitors to keep purses or coats that have medication(s) in them out of sight when they're in your home.

When You're Away From Home

- When packing for a trip, keep your medication(s) in their original child-resistant containers.
- When staying in a hotel, secure your medication(s) in a passcode-protected hotel room safe.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Call 9-1-1 in case of overdose or the National Poison Help number at 1-800-222-1222 for more information.



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