

Autism Spectrum Disorder & POISON PREVENTION

Poisoning can happen anywhere, at any time and individuals with an autism spectrum disorder are highly vulnerable.

- Make your home safer for your children by using the Poison Centers' Household Checklist for every area of your home.
- Teach your friends and family about the importance of poison prevention and encourage them to practice poison safety.
- Teach and practice poison safety; create visuals to support learning.
- Practice medication safety daily by using them as prescribed, storing them in a medication lock box or bag, and disposing of unused medications. Don't refer to medications as 'candy'.
- Store cleaning products and laundry pods out of children's reach.
- Prevent look-alike poisoning by following safety tips for E-cigarettes and vaping devices.
- Use cabinet locks and child resistant lids; Remember out of sight and out of reach.
- Keep batteries up to date in your carbon monoxide detectors.

If someone stops breathing, collapses or has a seizure, call 911.

If you think someone has been poisoned, call Poison Control at 1-800-222-1222 for free, confidential help 24/7.

To learn more, visit CARD's website usf.to/autism & Florida's Poison Control Centers floridapoisoncontrol.org.



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