

Be Safe this Season!



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Keep children safe by keeping hazards and poisons out of reach.



Mistletoe:

Swallowing the berries can cause vomiting, diarrhea, high blood pressure and convulsions.



Holly Leaves & Berries:

Swallowing many leaves and crushed pits are poisonous. Eating just a few berries can cause vomiting, cramps, and diarrhea.

Batteries:

Small batteries can cause blockages if lodged in the ear, nose, throat, stomach or intestines. Acid burns can occur if batteries open inside the body.



Holiday Trees:

Evergreens are non-toxic except for the Yew. The leaves and seed pits are toxic.

Preservatives added to the tree stand water, may be toxic to pets.

Holiday Tree Ornaments:

Antique or imported ornaments may have lead-based paint, which could be hazardous if ingested.

Angel Hair:

This tree decoration can cause irritation to skin, eyes, and throat. When handling, wear gloves and avoid contact with eyes to avoid injuries.



Choking Hazards: Children under 4 years of age have small airways.

Keep the following away from toddlers:

- Hotdogs
- Grapes
- Nuts
- Hard candy
- Coins
- Marshmallows
- Marbles
- Small balls
- Popcorn
- Chewing Gum
- Toys with small parts
- Button batteries
- Latex balloons



Medications:

Make sure visitors put their medications in a locked area where children can't get them.



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Poinsettia:



This plant is not very toxic, but the sap can cause skin irritation.

Snow Globes:



The "snow" is non-toxic, however the liquid could be water or chemicals that are extremely toxic.

Pets have been poisoned after licking fluid from a broken snow globe.

Tinsel: The shiny icicles cause airway or intestinal blockage if eaten by children or pets.



Bubble Lights:

These lights contain a poisonous liquid that can be dangerous if the fluid from several lights is swallowed.



Alcohol:

Ethanol found in liquor, perfume, mouthwash, or hand sanitizers can be poisonous to children.

Drinking a small amount, can cause a drop-in blood sugar leading to confusion, convulsion or coma.



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