

Prevent your kids from getting their little hands onto:



Prescription medicines



Over-the-counter (OTC) medicines



Vitamins and dietary supplements

Every year, approximately

60,000

young children end up in the Emergency Department after getting into medicines left within their reach.



Follow these steps:



Store all medicines out of reach of children.



Remind houseguests not to leave medicines in bags, coats, or other places children can reach.



Put all medicines up and away after every dose.



Teach your children what medicine is—NEVER call it candy.



Lock the safety cap on medicine bottles.



Save the national Poison Help number in your cell phone: 1-800-222-1222.

In an emergency:



Poison Help centers are open 24/7.

Call 1-800-222-1222 right away if you think your child might have gotten into a medicine or vitamin, even if you're not completely sure.



If the victim has collapsed or isn't breathing, dial 911.

Stay on the phone and follow instructions from the emergency operator or poison control center.



For more information about safe medicine storage, visit KnowYourOTCs.org.