

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR POISON CENTER?

In response to the ever-increasing number of poison hazards, many countries throughout the world have established poison control centers. Currently, there are hundreds of these specialized medical units in the United States.

The Poison Control Center provides accurate, up-to-date information about potential hazards and recommends treatment as needed.

The American Association of Poison Control Centers is a nationwide organization of poison centers and concerned individuals dedicated to education and research to decrease and prevent accidental poisoning. The AAPCC works with our local Poison Control Center, the government and industry to make life safer from the hazards of poisons.

The best treatment for a poisoning is to prevent it from happening. Call the Mississippi Regional Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222 for information or assistance.

The University of Mississippi Medical Center offers equal opportunity in education and employment and in all its programs and services, M/F/D/V.

SOME DO'S AND DON'TS

- Never eat any part of an unknown plant or mushroom. Teach your children never to put leaves, stems, bark, seeds, nuts or berries from any plant into their mouths.
- Keep poisonous houseplants out of the reach of young children. Store bulbs and seeds out of sight and out of reach.
- Learn to identify the poisonous plants in your neighborhood.
- Do not assume that a plant is not poisonous because birds or other wildlife eat it.
- Do not rely on cooking to destroy toxic chemicals in plants. Never use anything prepared from nature as a medicine or "tea."

Remember that any plant may cause unexpected reactions in certain individuals. Always check with the Poison Control Center or your physician when a plant has been ingested.

IF A POISONING OCCURS, CALL:

**Mississippi Regional Poison Control
UMC
1-800-222-1222**

Physician: _____

Ambulance: _____

Hospital: _____

What about Plants?



**Mississippi Regional
Poison Control Center**

1-800-222-1222

In cooperation with the:



**American
Association
of Poison
Control Centers**

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR PLANTS?

Household plants have become one of the nation's leading causes of toxic ingestions in children.

This information sheet will help you identify which plants are poisonous. The plants listed are the most commonly asked about.

It's important for you to know the names of all of the plants in your home and yard because they cannot be identified accurately from a telephone description.

If you don't know the name of a plant have it identified at the nearest landscape and gardening center.

If you don't find a particular plant on these lists, please call or write our Poison Control Center.

TOXIC

The following plants are considered **TOXIC** (poisonous, possibly dangerous).

These plants contain a wide variety of poisons. Symptoms of ingestion may vary from a mild stomachache, skin rash, swelling of the mouth and throat to involvement of the heart, kidneys or other organs. The Poison Control Center can give you more specific information on these or other plants that can be poisonous. Many plants do not cause toxicity unless ingested in very large amounts.

Anemone	Daphne	Jack-in-the-pulpit	Monkshood	Primrose
Angel Trumpet Tree	Delphinium	Jequirty Bean or Pea	Morning Glory	Ranunculus
Apricot Kernels	Devil's Ivy	Jerusalem Cherry	Mother-in-law Plant	Rhododendron
Arrowhead	Dieffenbachia	Jessamine (Jasmine)	Mushroom	Rhubarb Blade
Avocado Leaves	(Dumb Cane)	Jimson Weed	Narcissus	Rosary Pea
Azaleas	Elderberry	(Thorn Apple)	Nightshade	Star of Bethlehem
Betel Nut Palm	Elephant Ear	Jonquil	Oleander	Sweet Pea
Bittersweet	English Ivy	Lantana Camara	Periwinkle	Tobacco
Buckeye	Four O'clock	(Red Sage)	Peyote (mescal)	Tomato Vines
Buttercups	Foxglove	Larkspur	Philodendron	Tulips
Caladium	Holly Berries	Laurels	Poison Hemlock	Water Hemlock
Calla Lily	Horsetail Reed	Lily-of-the-valley	Poison Ivy	Wisteria
Castor Bean	Hyacinth	Lobelia	Poison Oak	Yew
Cherries – Wild and Cultivated	Hydrangea	Marijuana	Poppy (Calif. Poppy Excepted)	
Crocus, Autumn	Iris	Mayapple	Pokeweed	
Daffodil	Ivy (Boston, English, and Others)	Mistletoe	Potato Sprouts	
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NONTOXIC

The following plants are considered essentially **NON-TOXIC** (safe, not poisonous). Symptoms from eating or handling these plants are unlikely, but any plant may cause an unexpected reaction in certain individuals.

Abelia	Bamboo	Creeping Jennie,	Hedge Apples	Purple Passion
Abyssinian Sword Lily	Begonia	Moneywort, Lysima	Hens & Chicks	Pyrocantha
African Daisy	Bird's Nest Fern	Croton (House Variety)	Hoya	Rose
African Palm	Blood Leaf Plant	Dahlia	Jade Plant	Sanseveria
African Violet	Boston Ferns	Daisies	Kalanchoe	Schefflera
Airplane Plant	Bougainvillea	Dandelion	Lily (Day, Easter or Tiger)	Sensitive Plant
Aluminum Plant	Cactus – certain varieties	Dogwood	Lipstick Plant	Spider Plant
Aralia	California Holly	Donkey Tail	Magnolia	Swedish Ivy
Araucaria	California Poppy	Dracaena	Marigold	Umbrella
Asparagus Fern	Camellia	Easter Lily	Monkey Plant	Violets
(Dermatititis)	Christmas Cactus	Echeveria	Mother-in-law Tongue	Wandering Jew
Aspidistra (Cast Iron Plant)	Coleus Species	Eucalyptus (Caution)	Norfolk Island Pine	Weeping Fig
Aster	Corn Plant	Eugenia	Peperomia	Weeping Willow
Baby's Tears	Crabapples	Gardenia	Petunia	Wild Onion
Bachelor Buttons	Creeping Charlie	Grape Ivy	Prayer Plant	Zebra Plant