

# HOLIDAY HAZARDS

Keep your family free from poisonings this holiday season

## Carbon Monoxide

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless, poisonous gas that is created from burning fuel.

To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning:



Make sure appliances and chimneys have proper airflow.



Do not use the oven for heating your home, and do not run the space heater while you sleep.



Install a CO detector in your home. Store kerosene and gasoline out of the reach of kids.

## Did you know?

In 2009, poison control centers reported more than 3,551 cases of carbon monoxide exposure in children 19 and under.

In 86% of emergency department visits for medicine poisoning, the child got into medicine belonging to a parent or grandparent.

## Decorations & Gifts



Holly, Mistletoe, and Jerusalem Cherry are common holiday plants that can be **poisonous if swallowed**. Keep these away from kids and pets!



Tiny magnets and button batteries are extremely dangerous for young children. Keep gifts with these items out of reach and sight from kids.



Keep alcohol in a locked cabinet **out of reach and sight** of kids. After parties, be sure that all glasses are emptied.



With uncles, aunts, and grandparents visiting, make sure everyone knows to store all **medication, vitamins**, and even **hand sanitizer** up and out of the reach of children.

## Entertaining



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