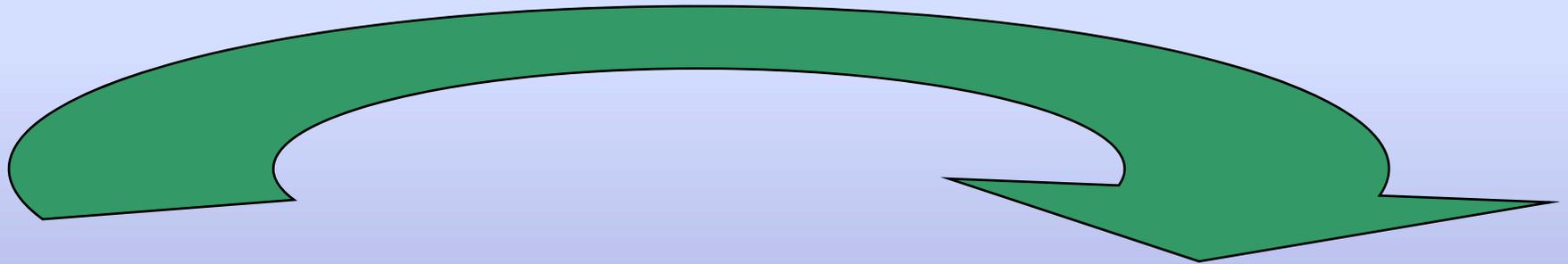




NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK



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Poison Facts and Prevention

Poison Facts

 What is a poison?

 Something that makes you sick or harms you if you eat, drink, touch or smell it.

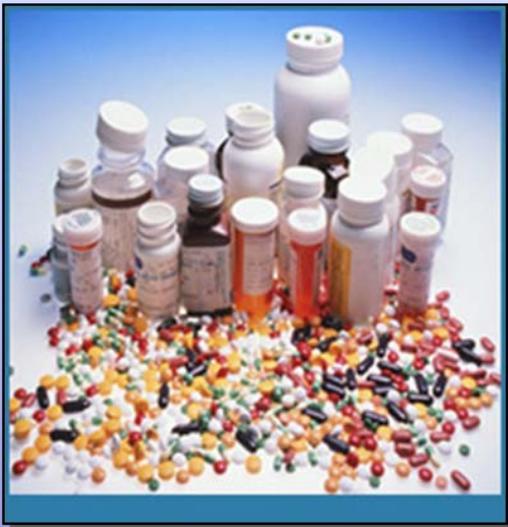
 Is there only one type/form of poison?

 NO – poisons can be SOLID, LIQUID, AEROSOL, or even INVISIBLE.



Poison Facts - Solid

- ☹️ Solid poisons can be chunky and chewy like pills, plants and berries.



Poison Facts - Liquids

- ☹️ Liquid poisons can be creamy, blobby or like water. They can be any color. Some liquid poisons are floor cleaners, antifreeze, mouthwash, paints.



Poison Facts – Aerosols (Sprays)

- ☹️ These poisons can be in a spray or a bottle. The spray can get in eyes or lungs if it is inhaled. Some kinds of sprays include furniture polish and bug spray.



Poison Facts - Invisible

- ☹️ Invisible poison can be found almost anywhere that something is burning or running. The most common invisible poison is carbon monoxide.



Poison Prevention



American Association of Poison Control Centers nationwide received more than one million calls about poison exposures involving children five years old and younger.



Potentially toxic household products involved with calls to the poison center were:

Toxic Household Products

-  Personal care products, including baby oil and mouthwash containing ethanol.
-  Cleaning substances, including drain openers and oven cleaners.



Toxic Household Products



Look alike products



-  Over-the-counter pain relievers – including cough and cold medicines.
-  Hydrocarbons, such as lamp oil and furniture polish.
-  Adult-strength vitamins and supplements containing iron.

Poisonings Occur When:

- 🙄 Parent or caregiver steps away or is distracted for a moment. Children can get hold of a product and swallow it during the short time it takes to answer a phone call or doorbell.
- 🙄 Grandparents and others who keep their prescription drugs in non-child-resistant pill boxes. Child-resistant packaging doesn't work if it's not used properly.



Who To Call

- 📞 If you suspect swallowing or handling a potentially dangerous product – call the Poison Center Hotline. Your call will be answered by experts at your local poison center 24 hours a day.

