

11 POISONOUS HOUSEPLANTS TO KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN

A poisonous plant is one that contains a chemical substance which produces a harmful reaction in the body of humans or animals when taken in small or moderate amounts. A harmful reaction could include allergic reactions, dermatitis or skin irritation, or internal poisoning.

Children are unlikely to eat house plants, but some brightly colored fruit may seem tempting. Call your physician immediately if your child has eaten any plant and shows signs of illness. **National Poison Control Center (1-800-222-1222)**

To prevent poisoning from occurring:



- Know the names of your house and yard plants and trees.
- Keep poisonous house plants out of the reach of young children.
- Teach children never to put leaves, stems, seeds, nuts, mushrooms (toadstools), or berries from any plant into their mouths.
- *Never* eat a wild berry or mushroom unless you are positive of its identity.
- Do not assume a plant is safe to eat because birds or other wildlife eat it.
- Do not rely on cooking to destroy a plant's toxic chemicals.
- Store bulbs and seeds out of sight and out of reach of children.

Below is a list of poisonous indoor plants. There are many other poisonous house plants than those listed below; however these are the most common and the most toxic to children.

1 COMMON NAME: Aloe Vera -**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** Aloe barbadensis, **2 COMMON NAME:** Amaryllis-**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** Amaryllis belladonna, vittata, **3 COMMON NAME:** Chrysanthemums, Mums-**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** Chrysanthemum indicum, **4 COMMON NAME:** Croton-**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** Codiaeum variegatum, **5 COMMON NAME:** Angel's Trumpet-**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** Datura innoxia, **6 COMMON NAME:** Dumb Cane-**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** Dieffenbachia sp. **7 COMMON NAME:** Poinsettia-**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** Euphorbia pulcherrima, **8 COMMON NAME:** English Ivy-**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** Hedera helix, **9 COMMON NAME:** Swiss-cheese, Ceriman-**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** ,Monstera deliciosa **10 COMMON NAME:** Philodendron **SCIENTIFIC NAME:** Philodendron sp., **11 COMMON NAME:** Jerusalem Cherry-**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** Solanum pseudocapsicum

In Case of Emergency

If your child has ingested any part of a plant, and poisoning is suspected, call your doctor or nearest emergency room. The **National Poison Control Center (1-800-222-1222)** can tell you if a plant is poisonous and what symptoms to expect. They will, however, need to know how much your child ingested and the house plant identification.

For a list of poisonous indoor plants and a picture of each house plant visit:

the-baby-safety-site.com/poisonous-house-plants.html

UIC Plant Research Laboratory uic.edu/depts/bios/facilities/plant_research.shtml

Garfield Park Conservatory garfield-conservatory.org

American Association of Poison Control Centers aapcc.org

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