For Clinicians

POISON PREVENTION

Georgia Chapter

American Academy of Pediatrics

DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHILDREN®



Why We CARE

114,000

Phone calls to **Georgia Poison Control** (in 2021)

57

Deaths due to poisoning in children under 6

1 IN 3

Children under 6 unintentionally exposed to poison, and 61,000 ED visits

PID YOU



Accidental pediatric poisonings occur most frequently in kids 2 to 3 years old.

How to PLAY IT SAFE





Program this national **Poison Center number into your phone** (reachable from anywhere in the U.S).

Visit **georgiapoisoncenter.org** for **free online chat** and **translators**, too!



Call 911 immediately if the child is losing consciousness, having difficulty breathing, or having significant skin color changes.

Talk with parents and caregivers about reducing exposure to poison. Ask them to **check throughout their homes for items like these:**

- In the medicine cabinet: Medicines, vitamins, creams
- **Under the sink:** Cleaning products, insecticides
- In containers, drawers, and purses: Alcohol, tobacco, e-cigarettes, marijuana-derived products
- Other: Hobby/craft supplies, plants, hand sanitizer

Tell them not to disguise dangerous substances.

Store them in their original containers **up**, **away**, **and out of reach** of young children.

Recommend a lockbox if they have older children/teens and concerns about potential misuse.



Even a SINGLE PILL can kill some children!



Give them the Toolkit sheet for Parents and Caregivers—and point out the sections on How to Play It Safe and When to Seek Help.

DID YOU KNOW?

Child-resistant containers are not 100% childproof. But they delay access to a bottle's contents.



PLAY IT SAFE

with burn safety, safe sleep, firearms, teen driving, and more in the new Georgia AAP Toolkit—coming soon.

