

- Foreign bodies, toys, and miscellaneous substances (desiccants, thermometers, bubble-blowing solutions)

Many poisonings reflect the ready accessibility of the products in the home, which is where more than 90% of poisonings occur (Bronstein, Spyker, Cantilena, et al, 2012). In a recent review of the American Association of Poison Control Centers, more than 60% of exposures to plants occurred in children 5 years old and younger (Bronstein, Spyker, Cantilena, et al, 2012; Petersen, 2011). Box 13-1 lists common poisonous and nonpoisonous plants.

Box 13-1

Poisonous and Nonpoisonous Plants

Poisonous Plants (Toxic Parts)

Apple (leaves, seeds)

Apricot (leaves, stem, seed pits)

Azalea (all parts)

Buttercup (all parts)

Castor oil plant (bean or seeds—extremely toxic)

Cherry (wild or cultivated) (twigs, seeds, foliage)

Daffodil (bulbs)

Dumb cane (dieffenbachia) (all parts)

Elephant ear (all parts)

Foxglove (leaves, seeds, flowers)

Holly (berries)

Hyacinth (bulbs)

Ivy (leaves)