

Medication Storage

Why does it matter how I store my child's medications?



Where you store your child's medication at home is extremely important. When medications are not stored properly in your home they may no longer work as well for your child. Additionally, keeping medications out of reach of children helps prevent accidental poisonings.

How do I properly store my child's medications?

All medications should be kept out of sight and reach of children in the original container. Check each of your child's medications individually to learn where to keep them. There are several places you can look to help you decide where to store the medication.

- 1) Prescription Labels - Prescription medications that have special storage instructions typically have stickers on the bottle that state how the medication should be stored.
- 2) Medication handouts - The medication handout provides a lot of information about the medication, including where it should be stored.
- 3) Ask Your Pharmacist - You can ask your pharmacist where to keep your child's medication if you cannot find the information on the bottle or the medication handout.



Where should I NOT store my child's medications?



Temperature, moisture, and direct light can all affect how well a medication will work. Keep your child's medications in a cool, dry place unless instructed otherwise. Places you should NOT store your child's medications include:

- Damp areas like bathroom cabinets and cabinets above your sink or stove.
- Heated areas like your car's glove compartment or kitchen counters.
- Easily accessible areas like your child's bedside or dining table.

What should I do if my child accidentally takes too much medication or a medication that does not belong to them?

If your child takes too much of any medication or if they take a medication that does not belong to them, call the **Poison Control Center** immediately at **1-800-222-1222**. Provide as much detail as possible and their team will give you information on what to do next.

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