



Pets & Poisons



Alcohol

- Keep your pets away from any beer, wine, or liquor.
- Large amounts of alcohol can be deadly.
- Do not allow your pets to lick up spilled drinks.

Plants and Mushrooms

- Many indoor and outdoor plants and mushrooms can be harmful to pets.
- Pets, mostly cats, love to chew on plants.
- Keep poisonous plants away from your pets.

IN A POISONING EMERGENCY, CALL 24-HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK:

1-800-222-1222

Teletype for the deaf and hearing Impaired only:

TDD 404-616-9287

Common Household Poisons

Many things in your home can be harmful to your pets. Dogs, cats, and other animals are curious. They like to lick and chew, so they are at risk of being poisoned. You can help keep your pets safe by storing and using poisons safely.

Be aware of these common poisons that can be harmful to your pets:

Automotive Products

- Many products such as car-cleaners, antifreeze, and windshield washer fluid can be deadly to your pets.
- Store these products in tightly closed containers and keep them out of the reach and sight of your pets.
- Clean up any spills/leaks right away.
- Read product labels and follow the instructions for correct disposal.
- Do not pour products into the street or onto grass or in your yard.



Flea and Tick Sprays

- Always read the product label and follow the directions carefully when you use flea and tick sprays.
- Never use products meant for dogs on your cats or products meant for your yard or house on your pets.
- If your pet begins to act strange, stop using the product, wash your pet off with soap and water, and call the Georgia Poison Center or your veterinarian right away.

Household Cleaners & Chemicals

- Toilet bowl cleaners, bleach, soaps, drain cleaners, pine oils, and other cleaning products can be deadly to your pets.
- Keep cleaners stored in tightly closed containers out of the reach and sight of your pets.
- Keep pets out of rooms when cleaners are being used. Your pets can easily get into cleaners left in open buckets or spilled on the floor.
- Be sure to clean up any spills right away.

Fertilizers

- Keep your pets away from yards and gardens when you are using fertilizers.
- Your pets may get poisoned by licking their paws after walking on a newly treated lawn.

Chocolate

- Chocolate can be deadly to your pets.
- Baking chocolate is more harmful than semi-sweet and milk chocolate.
- Store all chocolate products out of the reach and sight of your pets.

Common Household Poisons Continued

Medicines and Vitamins

- Medicines and vitamins meant for people may be unsafe for your pets. This includes over-the-counter medicines used for pain, cough, cold or allergies.
- Never give medicine meant for one animal to another.
- Always check with your veterinarian before giving your pets any medicine.
- Always read labels and follow the directions when giving your pets medicine.
- Keep medicines stored out of the reach and sight of your pets at all times.

Pesticides

- Chemicals used to kill weeds, bugs, rats, mice, and other rodents can also kill your pets.
- Before you use any of these products, read the product label and follow the directions.
- If you use baits or powders, put them where your pets cannot find them.
- Keep your pets off lawns sprayed with chemicals until they are completely dry.

Know What To Do In A Poison Emergency

- Keep the phone numbers of your veterinarian, a local emergency veterinarian service and the Georgia Poison Center (GPC) on or near your phones. You can also email or chat with us by visiting our website at www.georgiapoisoncenter.org.
- If you think your pet has been poisoned, call the Georgia Poison Center or your veterinarian right away! Do not wait for your pet to look or feel sick.
- Keep a bottle of hydrogen peroxide 3% in your home. If your pet has swallowed a poison, the Poison Center staff may tell you how to use it on your pet.
- You should ONLY make your pet throw up if a Poison Center staff or your veterinarian tells you to do so. There are some situations when making your pet throw up can do more harm than good.



Certified as a Regional Poison Center by the American Association of Poison Control Centers.

The Georgia Poison Center

Each year, the Georgia Poison Center provides services to thousands of people in Georgia. You can call the GPC to get help in a poisoning emergency or to get treatment advice about animal or insect bites. Nurses, pharmacists, and doctors answer the phones 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. They can tell you what to do if you, your child, or your pet is poisoned or was bitten by an animal. In addition, the GPC staff can answer your questions about poisons in and around your home.

All calls to the GPC are free.

To order educational material, call the Education Department at 404.616.9235 or visit our website at www.georgiapoisoncenter.org

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