

Extension Tip of the Week March 16, 2009

Poison Prevention Week

National Poison Prevention Week, the third week in March each year, is a week designated to highlight the dangers of poisonings and how to prevent them. During this week, the Poison Prevention Week Council is urging all Americans – especially baby boomers or those who may not have youngsters living at home but who often have visiting grandchildren – to make sure their homes are safe.

Properly dispose of unused products

- Dispose of household products properly and read the instruction labels for proper disposal methods.

Store products safely

- Store household products out of the reach of children.
- Install childproof safety latches on cabinets. Lock up those products that are not used every day.
- Keep household products in their original containers as most labels include first aid and medical treatment information.
- Store medicines and household products separately.

Use products safely

- Buy products that are clearly labeled for proper use and packaged in childproof containers.
- Reclose childproof packaging correctly.
- Never transfer products from their original packaging, especially into containers children might associate with food or drink.