

Remember: Kids Get Curious!

How to Store Household Items to Keep Kids Safe

Everyday items can be risky if kids can access them! Ask your pediatrician if you have more questions.



Firearms & Ammunition like:

Revolvers | Pistols | Handguns | Rifles

Why? Securing guns reduces youth gun violence dramatically, with 85% fewer unintentional injuries.

How to Store: Choose a storage location that kids are less likely to find. Keep firearms locked and unloaded with ammunition locked and stored separately; use a locking system that works for your family such as trigger locks or safes. Consider storing firearms outside of the home, such as at a gun range or in a safe deposit box.



Cleaning Products like:

Bleach | Detergents | Disinfectants | Chemicals

Why? Cleaners and chemicals can be extremely dangerous if ingested or if they come into contact with the skin!

How to Store: Store out of reach of children and pets, a high locked cabinet is best. Install child-proof latches. Store products in original containers.



Medications like:

Prescriptions | Over the Counter Medications | Supplements | Vitamins

Why? About 35,000 young children are brought to the emergency room each year because they got into medicines left within reach.

How to Store: Use medicine containers with safety caps and pick a place that is difficult for your child to reach, never leave loose pills or liquid medicines out, keep all medications in their original containers, lock up prescription medications, whether they are for you or for your child.



Alcohol like:

Wine | Beer | Spirits | Canned Cocktails

Why? Keeping alcohol locked up around children helps prevent accidental ingestion, reduces temptation, and sets clear boundaries about alcohol being for adults only.

How to Store: Store out of reach; use a childproof lock or secure liquor cabinet, monitor the amount.



Nicotine, Tobacco & Cannabis Products like:

Cigarettes | Vapes & E-Liquid Refill Products | Chewing Tobacco | Edible Cannabis

Why? Liquid nicotine can be extremely dangerous, even fatal, for a child.

How to Store: Keep products stored in their original packaging in a locked cabinet or box. Do not use or refill vape products around your children. Vapes/E-liquid products should not be disposed of in your household trash or recycling.