



Out of reach

Poisonings are a cause of child hospitalisation in Western Australia. Most of these poisonings are caused by medicines such as pain relievers and sleeping tablets and other substances such as cleaning products.

Most poisonings from hazardous substances happen when a substance is not in its usual place and has just been used.

At home activity

Read through the list of medicines and household products with your child and tick the box if it is stored out of reach. You do not have to return this sheet to school.

Medicines	Is it out of reach?	Household products	Is it out of reach?
Cough medicines	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dishwasher detergent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pain relievers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oven cleaner	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prescribed medicines eg heart tablets, asthma medication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moth balls	<input type="checkbox"/>
Antibiotics	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drain cleaner	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sleeping pills	<input type="checkbox"/>	Furniture polish	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ear drops	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pool chemicals	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cold and flu tablets	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mouse or rat bait or snail pellets	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sinus tablets	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pesticides or weed killers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nasal sprays	<input type="checkbox"/>	Veterinary products	<input type="checkbox"/>
Antibiotics	<input type="checkbox"/>	Petrol, turpentine or kerosene	<input type="checkbox"/>

While you are checking your medicines, it would be useful to throw 'out of date' and unwanted medicines away. Make sure that all medicines are stored in their original containers and are not laying around loose.

Remember, don't refer to medicines as lollies and return all medicines to a storage place out of reach of children, immediately after you've used them.

Thank you for playing a vital role in your child's health and drug education.