The Facts About Kids and Medication Safety

Every parent knows it's important to store medicine up and away from children, but every year more than

500,000 parents

and caregivers call a poison control center because a child got into medicine or because they were given the wrong dose of medicine. That's one call every minute of every day.



In 2011, more than **67,000 kids** were treated in an emergency room for medicine poisoning. That's one child every 8 minutes.



Where are children finding medicine?



27% ground or misplaced



20% purse/bag/ wallet



counter/dresser/ table/nightstand



15% pillbox or bag of pills



other (known)



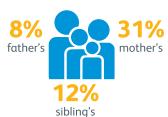
cabinet/ drawer

(2011 emergency room visits; of the 14% of cases known.)

86% of emergency room visits for medicine poisoning were due to the child getting into adult medicine.



38% grandparent's



5% aunt's/ uncle's

6% known/ other

(Of the 24% of cases known.)

Put your medicines up and away every time you use them and put the poison control center number in your phone:

1-800-222-1222

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