How well do you know household poisons?

EXT WEEK, March 15-21, is the 27th National Poison Prevention Week. While possibility of an accidental poisoning exists all year long, the week is highlighted to provide (ducation and prepare individuals in case a poisoning should occur. Last year, the Poison Control Central Charles Hospital had 65,000 (mergency calls and over half were poisonings of children under five years of age. The two most frequency causes of child poisonings are:

• Under 1 year of age — plants, including leaves, mushrooms, berries.

• From 1 to 5 years of age —

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From 1 to 5 years of age—over-the counter drugs, particularly non-aspiria pain relievers and antibiotics.

Since most poisonings occur in the home, but fortunately are not toxic en

be readily available.

CHECK YOUR poison knowledge by taking the following quiz. Correct answers are at the end.

1. Children under the age of 5 are accidentally poisoned more often than any other age group. True or False.

2. Thousands of small children are poisoned each year by common household products. True or False.

3. Only substances with a "Caution—Poison" label can harm a child. True or False than the false control of the false of the false of the false.

4. Mixing ammonia with bleach forms a very irritating gas. True or False.

5. All medications can be used for

False.
5. All medications can be used for as long as they last. True or False.
6. Leftover household cleaning products can be stored in empty food containers as long as they are properly labeled. True or False.

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ter.
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The utility's major supplier, Trunkine Gas Co., has announced a reduction of a percent in the rate Consumers Power pays for natural gas. That will save an average residential gas customer approximately 45.50 annually.

OTHER RATE reductions announced earlier by Trunkline and Panhandie Eastern Pipe Line Co. are saving a typical residential gas customer \$409 from September 1986 to September 1987. In 1986, be rates Consumers Power charged to residential natural gas customers were 7 percent below 1985 rates.



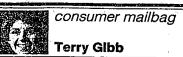
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7. A potential poison in: (a) a product labeled poison; (b) any substance that is misused; (c) a liquid harmful only to children.

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8. Potential poisons include: (a) aspirin substitutes; (b) ammonda products; (c) household cleaning products; (d) all of the above.

9. Syrup of speca; (a) is a type of cough medicine; (b) makes a person vornit; (c) neutralizes poisons; (d) is put on burns.

ANSWERS: 1. True. Nearly 60 percent of all

poisonings occur in this group.

2. True.

3. False. Most household products do not carry a poison warning but can do serious, if not fatal, damage if swallowed.

4. True. Not only irritating but sometimes fatal.

5. False.
6. False. Most children do not read labels. They recognize the container.

7. B — any substance that is nisused.
8. D — all of the above.

B — makes a person vomit.

Syrup of ipecae ahould ONLY be used on the advice of a physician.

ACCIDENTAL polsonings can happen to anyone, at any time, in any situation. Survey your home closely inside and out. Make sure all medications, cleaning products and pesticides are clearly labeled in the original container and kept under lock and key. Never assume a high shelf is high enough.

enough.

For further information regarding poison prevention, including phone stickers, poison prevention guides and lists of poisonous plants, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Poison Control Center Children's Hospital 3901 Beaubien Detroit, 48201

ECO-TIF: The Poison Prevention
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