

It doesn't have to say 'poison' to be harmful

With school vacation rapidly approaching, the kids will be around the house all day. That means greater opportunity for them to explore forbidden areas which could result in an accidental poisoning. Check your poison knowledge by taking the following quiz. The correct answers are at the end.

1. Children under the age of five are accidentally poisoned more often than any other age group. True/False
2. Thousands of small children are poisoned each year by common household products. True/False
3. Only substances with a "Caution - Poison" label can harm a child. True/False
4. Mixing ammonia with bleach forms a very irritating gas. True/False
5. All medications can be used for as long as they last. True/False
6. Leftover household cleaning products can be stored in empty food containers as long as they are properly labeled. True/False
7. A potential poison is: a) a product labeled poison; b) any substance

that is misused; c) a liquid harmful only to children.

8. Potential poisons include: a) aspirin substitutes; b) ammonia products; c) household cleaning products; d) all of the above.
 9. Syrup of Ipecac: a) is a type of cough medicine; b) makes a person vomit; c) neutralizes poisons; d) is put on burns.
- Answers:
1. True. Nearly 60% of all poisonings occur in this age 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. This gas is not only irritating but can be fatal.
 5. False.
 6. False. Most children do not read the labels. They recognize the container.
 7. B - any substance that is misused.
 8. D - all of the above.
 9. B - makes a person vomit. Syrup of Ipecac should only be used on the advice of a physician.



Terry Gibb

How well did you score? The Michigan Poison Control Centers receive tens of thousands of poison or suspected poison calls each year and nearly 60% of these are for children under the age of five.

The primary cause of poisoning in children up to one year of age is plants, including leaves, berries and mushrooms found in the yard. For one-to-five-year olds, the most common cause is aspirin, and now, aspirin-free pain relievers.

Remember, accidental poisonings can happen to anyone, at anytime, in any situation. Survey your home

closely inside and out. Make sure all medications, cleaning products and pesticides are clearly labeled and kept under lock and key. Do not assume that a high shelf is high enough. Keep the poison control center telephone number at each telephone and in your purse, wallet or car.

For more information regarding poison prevention, including phone stickers, poison prevention guides, and a list of poisonous plants, send a

self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Poison Control Center, Children's Hospital of Michigan, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit, MI 48201.

Poison Control Center Emergency: (313) 745-5711. Toll-Free Hotline: 1-800-462-6642.

The Consumer Mailbag answers your questions. Address mail to The Consumer Mailbag, Concern Detroit, One Kennedy Square, 4th Floor, Detroit, MI 48226.

**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Water Main Improvements Special Assessment Roll No. C-228 in the amount of \$52,345.66, for the construction of Water Main Improvements in said City to be located as follows:

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the City Council will meet in the City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, on the 25th day of June, 1990, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., Eastern Daylight Time, to review said Special Assessment Roll and to hear any objections thereto.

Appearance and protest of the special assessment at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the City Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required. If the special assessment is protested as provided above, the owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.

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KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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