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Letter to Parinto





Dear Mother and Father,

There are KILLERS lurking in your home...ready at any minute to snatch your child from you! The surname is POISON. The Seattle Poison Control Center of the Children's Orthopedic Hospital reports that poisonings have doubled this year (in 1961, 7930 calls were received by the Center!). Most of these poisonings are occurring in children aged one to five. Estimates state that one out of every ten 2 year olds will be poisoned between the ages of 2 and 3--- and the true number of poisonings is not known!

PLEASE INVESTIGATE YOUR HOME FOR POISON BEFORE YOUR CHILDREN DO!

TAKE CARE:

- 1. Store all medicines beyond the reach of children, preferable locked.
- 2. Store household preparations (cleaning and polishing agents) out of reach and sight of children.
- 3. Use bottles with safety caps that children cannot open-but don't depend entirely upon the safety caps.
- 4. Keep all household products in their original containers (no paint thinner in soda pop bottles).
- 5. In case of poisoning, call your pediatrician or family doctor.

BEWARE:

- 1. Never leave an open bottle, can, or box labeled as poisonous in the presence of small children. Get in the habit of checking labels.
 - 2. Avoid taking medicines in front of children --- they like to try what they see other members of the family doing.
 - 3. Never refer to any medicine as candy--always call medicines by their proper names.
 - 4. Never leave a pocketbook with medication within reach of children.
 - 5. Many poisonings occur at 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. --- when a child is seeking a pre-meal snack. Make fruit and crackers more readily available than poison.

RECOGNIZE AND TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THE POISON KILLERS:

Medications: aspirin, liniments, cold and cough remedies,
nose drops, iron; in excess of prescribed dosage.

Bleaches, Deodorizers, Disinfectants, Glues, Pastes, Cements.
Cleansers: ammonia, dishwashing compounds, strong drain
cleaners, oven cleaners, toilet cleaners.
Insecticides, pesticides, mothkillers, paints, mothballs.

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