



Minnesota Poison Control System

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Creating Displays: Safety Lock Display

Description: A safety lock display is an effective way to show devices that are available to help poison prevent poisoning in your home. Safety locks can be purchased at department stores in the infant and children's section, discount stores, pharmacies, baby stores, and some grocery stores.

Materials:

Safety locks for cabinets, drawers, and doors
36 x 24 bulletin board
Colored paper

Preparation:

1. Cover the bulletin board with paper.
2. Create a heading for the board such as: "Keep Poisons Locked Up!"
3. Attach the locks to the board either in or out of the package. If you take them out of the package to display, label how they should be used (i.e. on a cabinet, drawer, door etc.).

Instruction: Show audience the display as you discuss poison prevention measures.

Safety locks are just one of the methods to slow down a child's access to poisons but many children are still able to get them open. Some other prevention tips that can be shared include:

- Using child-resistant caps on products
- Keeping products and medicines up and away and out of sight and reach
- Teaching children to "ask first"
- Remembering that close supervision is always important

****Make sure to remind people to NOT rely solely on locks to keep their children safe.****