



# Newsletter

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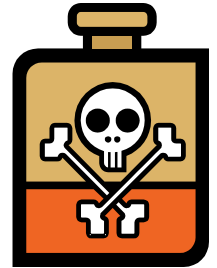
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## Poison Prevention Week: March 14-20

The third week in March is National Poison Prevention Week— a good time for families, colleagues, and friends to talk about how to be prepared in the case of a poison emergency.



There are a number of ways to participate in this year's prevention week:

- Stay up to date on activities by joining the Poison Prevention Week Facebook page.
- Order free copies of the two winning Poison Prevention Posters (older and younger divisions) by emailing Kristin Lolmaugh at the National Safety Council: [kristin.lolmaugh@nsc.org](mailto:kristin.lolmaugh@nsc.org).
- Order FREE educational materials from local Poison Centers:
  - Montgomery and Prince George's County residents:
    - visit the National Capital Poison Center: [www.poison.org](http://www.poison.org)
  - All other Marylanders:
    - visit the Maryland Poison Center: [www.mdpoison.com](http://www.mdpoison.com)

## Partnership Updates and Upcoming Events

### SAVE THE DATES PSM Quarterly Meeting

**Tuesday, April 27th**  
REGISTRATION IS OPEN

- 1) Promoting Safe Behaviors: How can behavior change theories help?
- 2) Adding Power to Our Voices: Framing Messages in Communicating About Injury
- 3) Media Advocacy: Getting your issue covered

Location: James N. Robey Public Safety Training Center; Marriottsville, MD  
Call 410-767-6779 or email [ereiney@dnhm.state.md.us](mailto:ereiney@dnhm.state.md.us) for more information.

**Trauma Care 2010**  
"ABCs: Innovation and Integration"  
Thursday, April 1, 2010  
Sponsored by the  
Maryland Committee on Trauma  
Call 410-328-3662 for more information.

**Johns Hopkins 18th Annual  
Summer Institute**  
"Principles and Practice of Injury Prevention"  
June 6-9, 2010 in Baltimore, MD  
Visit [www.jhsph.edu/injurycenter](http://www.jhsph.edu/injurycenter) for more  
information.



# POISON PREVENTION DURING SPRING CLEANING

ADVICE FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL POISON CENTER'S "THE POISON POST"®

Spring cleaning means that many products, including very strong chemicals, are in our homes and often within reach of children (or pets). Unfortunately, leaving cleaning products within reach leads to poisoned children. They also swallow, inhale or get cleaning products into their eyes or on their skin.

We depend on commercial cleaning products to keep our homes clean and attractive. Be sure that, when you use them, you follow a few simple precautions: Read and follow label directions for safe use, If the label recommends safety precautions, be sure to follow them! Common examples are:

- Letting plenty of **fresh air** into the room or wearing rubber gloves.
- **Do NOT mix** cleaning products unless the label specifically says it's all right.
- Replace **child-resistant caps** after use.
- Store products in their **original containers**. These are designed to hold the product safely and also tell you what's inside. And some of the most serious poisonings occur when cleaners are transferred to food or soda containers, then left out for the unsuspecting victim.
- **Lock** cleaning products up high, out of sight and reach of children.



We enjoy spending time with children, but consider doing your heavy-duty cleaning when children (and pets) are not around. This decreases the chances for a poison exposure and decreases other dangers too -- for example, falling into a bucket of water or on a slippery floor.

If someone does get into a cleaning product, the Poison Center will help you.

**Call 1-800-222-1222 for help.**

Read the full article at the following website: [www.poison.org/poisonpost/springclean.htm](http://www.poison.org/poisonpost/springclean.htm)

## HELP MAKE IT A SAFER WORLD



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