

Palmetto Poison Center Girl Scout Patch Program

Girl Scout Daisy/Brownie: Complete three requirements from section 1

Girl Scout Junior: Choose three from section 1 and one from section 2

Girl Scout Cadette: Choose two from section 1, and two from section 2

Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador: Choose one from section 1, Choose one from section 2, and Choose two from section 3

All Girl Scouts are required to distribute a determined number of poison prevention materials. (Provided free of charge)

Girl Scout Daisy: 8 pieces

Girl Scout Brownie: 8 pieces

Girl Scout Junior: 12 pieces

Girl Scout Cadette: 20 pieces

Girl Scout Senior: 25 pieces

Girl Scout Ambassador: 25 pieces

You should keep documentation of all of your projects. Photos of your work are a great tool to depict all of your hard work. You do not necessarily have to submit your art projects to the Poison Center, however we would love to see them. You can submit your final evaluation to the address listed below. You can also send any question you may have to derienzo@sccp.sc.edu.

We would like for the media projects to be sent to us so that we may potentially use them for upcoming media campaigns on TV. Please address your media (talk show) projects to:

Christina DeRienzo

Education Coordinator

Palmetto Poison Center

College of Pharmacy, USC

Columbia, SC 29208

Upon successful completion of the requirements for your Girl Scout grade level you will receive the Palmetto Poison Center Patch. Please use the evaluation form and have it signed by your troop leader. If any questions should arise please feel free to contact me.

At the end of each year one girl will be recognized from each Girl Scout grade level with an award for their outstanding work or service project.

Girl Scout Patch Program

Requirements

Section #1

- Make a collage of poisonous substances and one with safe substances
- Get an adult to help you poison proof your home (lock poisons up, put them on a high shelf, label poisonous substances with Mr. Yuk stickers etc...)
- Post poison control phone stickers in your home and 5 of your family member's or neighbor's home
- Go to the super market and make a list of poisons you can find that look like common household products

Section #2

- Research a common household poison and do a one page display/presentation on that item. (Why is it common, how is it a poison, who gets poisoned by it, how can you avoid it, etc...)
- Make a scrapbook about poison prevention (several girls may participate for credit) ex's: What is a poison, Where and When do poisonings occur, What are common types of poisons, How can I prevent poisons, What to do in case there is a poison (Make it colorful)
- Make a puppet show for children the ages of 3-5 about avoiding poisons
- Write a letter to the editor or have a radio station do a public service announcement about the importance of poison prevention and how to contact the Palmetto Poison Center

Section #3

- Use the training packet provided by the Palmetto Poison Center to conduct two training sessions with a family who have a child/children under the age of 5.
- Use the training packet to host a mini health fair at a local store.(set up a booth with poison prevention materials and information) Answer questions about what the poison center does and how to prevent poisoning to the general public. (two girls may participate) Locations should not be duplicated.
- Make a video talk show about Poison Prevention (two girls may participate) Be creative! (Not only will we potentially use your video for upcoming tv campaigns we will also utilize these across the state in the classrooms as teaching aids) Make sure you introduce yourself and your guests.

Girl Scout Patch Program Palmetto Poison Center Patch Program Evaluation

Name: _____ Girl Scout Grade Level: _____

**A. List and Description of Projects Completed
(Include photos if applicable of your project)**

Date

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

B. Do you feel that you were successful and completed these projects to the best of your ability?

C. Do you have any suggestions for future projects related to the Palmetto Poison Center patch program?

D. Please list complete mailing address below:

Signature of Troop Leader: _____ **Date:** _____

Number of Patches Needed: _____

Additional Information? Contact derienzo@sccp.sc.edu

Materials Order Form



All Girl Scouts are required to distribute a determined number of poison prevention materials. These materials are provided free of charge). Use this order form to request.

Return to: Palmetto Poison Center
College of Pharmacy
University of South Carolina
Columbia, SC, 29208
Business (803) 777-7909

Date: _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone#: _____

Materials Requested and Quantity:

Magnet (with phone#): _____

Coloring and Activity Book: _____

Mr. Yuk Stickers (10/sheet): _____ # of sheets

Phone Stickers (2/sheet): _____ # of sheets

Pamphlets Quantity: _____

Baby Sitters Guide: _____

Don't Poison Your Vacation: _____

Poison Prevention: _____

Poison Prevention (Spanish): _____

Poisonous Plants: _____

If materials needed for an event or class, please provide:

Name of Event _____

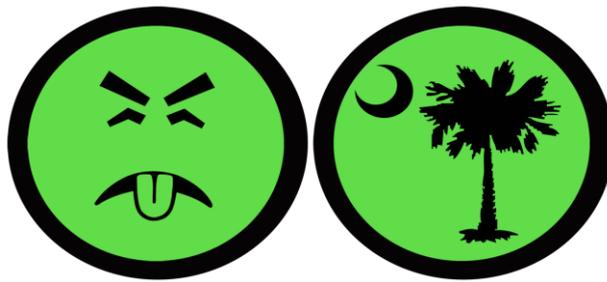
Date _____

Place _____

Comments:

Please fax to (803) 777-6127 or e-mail palmettopc@cop.sc.edu

Poison Prevention Training Packet for Girl Scouts in South Carolina



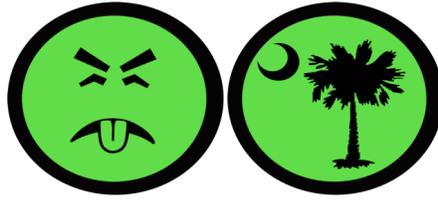
Let's Teach Parents/Kids about
Poison Safety



Palmetto Poison Center

1-800-222-1222

Call for Poison Prevention Information or Emergencies



Step 1: Introduce yourself and state your purpose (30 seconds)

*** Hi my name is _____ and I am here to teach you about poison prevention and what to do in case someone has been poisoned.

Step 2: Tell the parents/caregivers about the Poison Control Center (2 Minutes)

What is the Poison Control Center?

The Palmetto Poison Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of poisonings and providing clinical advice to the public and healthcare community should a poisoning occur. We are staffed by nurses and pharmacists who are formally trained in toxicology and they are specialists in providing poison information. We are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our calls range from accidental and intentional ingestion of poisonous substances to adverse drug reactions, snake and spider bites, and occupational or biochemical exposures.

Step 3: Explain to the parent/caregiver what a poison is and how it can hurt them or someone they love. (1 Minute)

What are poisons? How can they harm you?

A poison is a substance that can cause injury or death if it comes into contact with your body. Poisons can enter the body through several ways: by being inhaled, ingested, or by direct skin contact. Poisons come in all different shapes, sizes, and colors. Some poisons are even odorless and colorless. Many people may get confused by poisons that smell or taste good. If you don't know what it is—stay away!

Step 4: Explain the types of ways people can be poisoned. (3 Minutes)

How can you be poisoned?

There are many ways to be poisoned:

- Ingestion- eating or drinking something
- Contact- splashing or spilling something on the skin or in the eyes
- Inhalation- breathing dangerous fumes
- Bites or stings from insects, snakes, or spiders

Young children usually do not understand that they can poison themselves. Children under 5 are very curious about the things around them. All potential poisons should be kept up high and out of reach or under a lock and key.

Step 5: Explain how poisonings can happen.. Let them know it only takes a second! (3 Minutes)

How do accidental poisonings happen?

- 🟢 Improper storage of poisons: being put where children can reach them
- 🟢 Improper use: mixing household chemicals like bleach and ammonia
- 🟢 Taking medication without reading the label
- 🟢 Children imitating adults (taking medicine in front of children)

Step 6: Ask your parent/caregiver to come up with 2 other ideas of how an accidental poisoning can happen and discuss it with them. (2 Minutes) Instruct them to call the poison center immediately if someone has been poisoned.

Step 7: Follow the poison proofing procedures listed below (5 minutes)

Let's poison proof your home:

- 🟢 Look at the list of potential poisons in the home
- 🟢 Locate all potential poisons and make sure they are put up high and out of reach.
- 🟢 Tell them child resistant caps and safety locks are not child proof. A very persistent child can still get into those cabinets/bottles.
- 🟢 Post the number for Poison Control in their home. 1-800-222-1222 (stickers provided)

Step 8: Sit down with the parents and children and talk to them about the following things... Get down on the child's level and be really patient! (5 minutes)

Let's teach children about poisons....Key Facts

1. You cannot always tell a poison by the way it looks, smells, or tastes!
2. Some candy looks like medicine...Always ask before you eat anything that is not given to you by an adult. (Show pictures) Examples Page 1
3. Sometimes things smell good that are poisons. Some types of cleaners smell really good, like apples for example, but are very harmful if swallowed. (Show pictures) Show Examples Page 2
4. You should not put plants in your mouth.(Stay away because you never know if they are poisonous.)
5. You should never put cosmetic type products in your mouth: examples are perfume, antibiotic cream, muscle rubs.

Step 9: Ask the parents/kids the questions from the Poison Safety Quiz. Write down their answers. If they answer the question incorrectly please correct them.

Step 10: Present the family with a certificate for completing the Poison Prevention training.

Step 11: Thank them for their time. Tell them to contact the Palmetto Poison Center with any future questions or to request materials for their home. Give them a phone sticker and sheet of Mr. Yuk stickers.

Can you tell the difference between the safe products and poisons?



Is it Candy or Medicine

When you have questions about poisonings, call the NY State Poison Control Centers. Information is provided free of charge. Translators are available.
1-800-222-1222



Multivitamin

Good N' Fruity®



Amitriptyline

Cinnamon Candy



Dolobid®



Good N' Fruity®



Ferrous Sulfate



Red Hots®



Tegretol®



Smarties®



Children's Vitamins



Tangy Bunnies



Depakene



Good N' Fruity®



Pseudoephedrine



Cinnamon Candy



Ferrous Gluconate



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Bethanechol



Sweetarts®



Aspirin



Skittles®



Mesoridazine



M&M® (small)



Simethicone Chewable



Altoid® Mint



Tylenol®



Tic Tac®



Ephedrine



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Household Check List

Keep These Items Up High and Out of Reach or Stay Away!

Kitchen:

- ✗ Soaps and Detergents (Dishwasher supply also!)
- ✗ Furniture Polish
- ✗ Drain Cleaners, oven cleaners
- ✗ Ant/Roach Killers
- ✗ Mouse/Rat Poison
- ✗ Floor Cleaners
- ✗ Cleaners for the floors and countertops
- ✗ Alcohols

Bathroom:

- ✗ Medications
- ✗ Mouthwash
- ✗ Cleaning Supplies
- ✗ Shampoos, etc...
- ✗ Toothpaste
- ✗ Deodorizers
- ✗ Eye Drops

Bedroom:

- ✗ Cosmetics (perfume, makeup, lotions, etc...)
- ✗ Baby powder
- ✗ Medicines

Laundry Room:

- ✗ Bleach
- ✗ Laundry Detergent
- ✗ Cleaners

Garage or Storage Areas:

- ✗ Antifreeze
- ✗ Pesticides
- ✗ Gasoline
- ✗ Paint Removers
- ✗ Weed Killers
- ✗ Windshield Washer Fluids
- ✗ Gas/Oil treatments

Living Room:

- ✗ Plants
- ✗ Cigarettes
- ✗ Lamp Oil

Outdoor:

- ✗ Plants
- ✗ Mushrooms
- ✗ Snakes
- ✗ Spiders
- ✗ Pesticides
- ✗ Herbicides

Quiz:
How much do you know about Poison Safety Now?

1. The Poison Control Center Provides Free Service
 - a. 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
 - b. Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

2. If someone has been poisoned you should...
 - a. call 911
 - b. call 1-800-222-1222
 - c. drive to the emergency room asap!
 - d. make the person vomit immediately

3. The use of child resistant packaging always prevents accidental poisoning.
 - a. true
 - b. false

4. Cleaning with one product is good, mixing two or more together is even better.
 - a. true
 - b. false

5. Can you get poison in your eyes?
 - a. true
 - b. false

6. Children love to imitate adults therefore we should not take medicine in front of them.
 - a. true
 - b. false

7. The best place to store poisons and keep them away from children is _____.
 - a. in the kitchen cabinet with a child safety lock
 - b. in the garage in storage bins
 - c. up high and out of the reach of children

8. You can always tell a poison by the way it looks or smells.
 - a. true
 - b. false