

Keep your kids safe from chemicals

Household chemicals like cleaning products, garden sprays, fuel, and cosmetics that you have around your home are dangerous if they are not used and stored properly. Protect children from these harmful products and keep them safe.

Tips for keeping kids safe

- Keep household chemicals high up and locked up.
- Child-resistant packaging is not child proof. Child-resistant packaging makes it harder for kids to open containers but there is no guarantee it will stop them.
- Use child safety locks on cupboards where household chemicals are stored.
- Never transfer household chemicals into food or drink containers. Children may not know the difference and eat or drink the contents.
- Think about the places babies and young children can reach. Perfumes, sunscreen and lipstick in your bag can be easy to get into and babies and young children can get very sick if they eat them.

Call 111 in an emergency.

Call Healthline on 0800 611 116 for medical advice.

Call the National Poisons Centre on 0800 764 766 for poisons advice.

Special care for babies and toddlers

Babies and toddlers like to explore their world and they are interested in the things around them. But they are too little to understand what is dangerous and what can hurt them.

The packaging used for household chemicals can come in all sorts of interesting shapes and colours. These can be attractive to babies and small children.

They need you to keep watch over them and to keep household chemicals out of reach and out of sight.



Remember:

- **close containers, lock them up, and keep out of reach**
- **use child safety locks on cupboards**
- **child-resistant packaging is not always child-proof.**