



# Home Matters

## Prevent Household Poisonings

National Poison Prevention Week is March 19-25. It aims to raise awareness for poison prevention nationwide by highlighting the dangers of poisonings and how to prevent them. On average, 31 children under 5 die each year of unintentional poisonings and 90% of poisonings happen in people's homes. As such, it's essential to be aware of common household poisons and how to prevent poisonings.

### Tips for Keeping Your Household Safe From Poisons

Most households have potentially poisonous items, such as cleaners, medications and appliances, that could release harmful fumes. Use the following tips to help reduce the risks of unintentional poisonings:

- Store harmful products away from food and drinks.
- Keep medications organized and out of reach of children.
- Keep chemicals and cleaning products in their original packaging to avoid confusion and maintain access to usage instructions.
- Make sure your household knows to contact the Poison Control Center by calling 1-800-222-1222 in the event of an emergency.

For additional home safety guidance and homeowners insurance solutions, contact us today.

## Change Your Clocks, Check Your Batteries

Daylight Saving Time starts, Sunday, March 12. It's not only when we change our clocks ahead an hour—the National Fire Prevention Association also recommends it as a time for households to check their smoke detector batteries. Smoke detector maintenance is importance to protecting you and your family from a potential fire.

To test your smoke detectors, simply push the "test" button on the exterior of the alarm and wait for a beep in response. If no beep occurs, it may be time to replace the batteries. If new batteries don't solve the problem, you may need to replace the entire smoke detector.

Contact us today for more safety solutions.

