Tips for Grandparents on Safe Medicine Storage

You love your grandchildren and would do anything for them, but did you know these startling facts?

- Annually, more than **60,000** children – or roughly four school busloads of children per day – age five or younger are treated in emergency departments for accidental ingestion of household medicines.¹,²
- Nearly **1 out of every 4** grandparents say they store prescription medicines in easy-access places; and **18 percent** keep over-the-counter medicines in easily accessible spots.³

Don’t let your grandchildren become a statistic. Take the following precautions to help keep them safe:

**Keep all medicines and vitamins up and away and out of sight** in a high cabinet or other place inaccessible to your grandchildren.

**Keep purses, bags, or coats that have medicines or vitamins** in them out of their reach and sight.

**Remember to never leave medicines or vitamins out** on a table, countertop, or bedside table where your grandchildren could reach them – always make sure the caps are locked and put them away every time they are used.

**Set a daily reminder** to take your medicines and vitamins on your refrigerator or a location you check on a daily basis, since they will be safely stored up and away and out of sight.

**Program the national Poison Help number, 1-800-222-1222,** along with other emergency contact numbers into your home and cell phone, so they are available in case of an emergency.

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