

## Poisonous Plants and Safe Plants

- Keep all plants away from small children. Teach children never to eat unknown plants.
- Different parts of the plant are poisonous. Phone the Poison Control Center before treating a child who has eaten a plant. Follow their directions. Keep an unexpired bottle of syrup of ipecac in a locked place if your policy allows. Use it **only** if the Poison Control Center or a physician tells you to make a child vomit. In some cases, vomiting may worsen the situation and increase the risk of severe health consequences.

### Poisonous Plants\*

#### **Flower Garden Plants**

Autumn Crocus  
Bleeding heart  
Chrysanthemum  
Daffodil  
Four-o'clocks  
Foxglove  
Hyacinth  
Hydrangea  
Iris  
Jonquil  
Lily of the valley  
Morning glory  
Narcissus  
Snow on the mountain

#### **Trees and Shrubs**

Black locust  
Boxwood  
Chokecherry  
Elderberry  
English yew  
Ground ivy  
Horse chestnut, buckeye  
Juniper  
Oak tree  
Water hemlock  
Yew

#### **Vegetable Garden Plants**

Asparagus  
Sprouts and green parts of potato  
Rhubarb leaves  
Green parts of tomato

#### **House Plants**

Bird of paradise  
Castor bean  
Dumbcane (Dieffenbachia)  
English ivy  
Holly  
Jequity bean (Rosary Pea)  
Jerusalem cherry  
Mistletoe  
Mother-in-law  
Oleander  
Philodendron  
Poinsettia  
Rhododendron

#### **Wild plants**

Belladonna  
Bittersweet  
Buttercups  
Indian hemp  
Jack-in-the-pulpit  
Jimson weed  
Larkspur  
Monkshood  
Mushrooms (certain ones)  
Nightshade  
Poison hemlock, ivy,  
oak, sumac and tobacco  
Skunk cabbage

### Safe Plants\*

African Violet  
Aluminum Plant  
Anthurium, Taliflower  
Aphelandra  
Baby tears  
Begonia  
Blood leaf  
Boston fern  
Christman cactus  
Coleus  
Corn plant  
Dracaena  
Emerald ripple, pepromia  
Hen-and-chickens  
Hoya  
Impatiens  
Jade Plant  
Parlor palm  
Pepronia  
Prayer plant  
Rubber plant  
Schefflera  
Sensitive plant  
Snake plant  
Spider plant  
Swedish ivy  
Velvet, purple passion  
Wandering jew  
Wax plant  
Weeping fig  
Yellow day lily

\* Not complete lists.

References: American Red Cross. *American Red Cross Child Care Course*. Washington, D.C: American Red Cross.  
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