

POISON PREVENTION & MEDICATION SAFETY

In the event of a poisoning or questions regarding poisons contact the Wisconsin Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222 24 hours/day, 7 days/week.

In 2014, poisonings were the LEADING cause of INJURY deaths in Monroe County (all ages). There were 115 visits to the Emergency Department and 72 hospitalizations due to poisonings.

POISON PREVENTION TIPS:

- Keep all medicines, poisons and household chemicals away from children and away from food - Lock them up if possible
- Never carry medicine in your purse or diaper bag, because children like to play with them * Children can open child-resistant or child-proof containers
- Work together with your child to put Mr. Yuk stickers on dangerous substances
- Do not take medicine in front of children since they like to copy adults
- Never call medicine “candy” to get a child to take it – they may later seek it out on their own for a treat
- At an early age, teach children that some “pretty things”, like vitamins and aspirin, can hurt them
- Teach children never to put medicines, chemicals, plants, or berries in their mouths unless an adult says it’s okay
- Never store poison in food or beverage containers - children could mistake it for a something edible

STORE SAFELY: IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP ALL MEDICATION IN A SECURE LOCATION

- Area not accessible to children or visitors
- A lock box, locked filing cabinet, or out of the way place

DISPOSAL: IT IS NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE TO FLUSH OR THROW AWAY MEDICATION

- Studies show measurable amounts of medication have been found in drinking water and wildlife due to flushing or throwing away medications
- Medication is not safe after 1 year
- Use your local disposal days or drop off sites
- Pet medications should be disposed of at medication drop boxes as well

NO SHARING: IT IS ILLEGAL TO SHARE YOUR PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

- The medication was prescribed specifically for you and your body
- You do not know how the drug may affect others physically or emotionally
- It is a criminal offense to share prescriptions

Monroe County Medication Drop Boxes

Sparta Police Department

121 E Oak St, Sparta, WI 54656

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Closed Saturday, Sunday and Legal Holidays

Tomah Police Department

805 Superior Ave, Tomah, WI 54660

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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