

## **PREVENTING POISONINGS**

The Kohl's Cares Grow Safe & Healthy Program and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin are passionate about preventing poisonings, and we've got some useful tips to keep your kids out of harm's way.

## **Know the Right Numbers**

For questions about poisons, call the Wisconsin Poison Center toll-free at 1-800-222-1222. The Poison Center is available to answer questions 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call if you need help or want information about poisons. Make sure you bring the poison product with you to the phone so you can describe it to the poison specialist.

## **Look for Look-A-Likes**

Some bottles can mislead children because they have brightly colored labels or pictures of things that are good to eat or smell. Products like lemon-scented dish detergent, furniture polish with pictures of lemons on the label, or laundry soap with pictures of flowers can be enticing to children to eat or drink. Cleaning products are often the same color as some sports drinks. Be sure to store these items away in cabinets with child safety locks and keep cleaning supplies, pet supplies, alcoholic beverages, medicines and vitamins locked-up.

## In Case of a Potential Poison Emergency

- Call the Wisconsin Poison Center for assistance.
- If a poisonous substance is swallowed, don't give your child anything to eat or drink.
- If the substance touches their skin or gets in their eyes, wash or flush the area with water for 20 minutes.
- If the substance is inhaled, get your child to fresh air immediately.