IS YOUR HOME A HEALTHY HOME? - TOXIN CHECKLIST

Each year, over 1 million children are accidentally poisoned in their homes. More than 250,000 of these victims are hospitalized. Three thousand children will end up in intensive care. Dozens more will die. Thousands of children and adults are permanently disfigured or injured through contact with chemicals in the home each year. Incredibly, the most common substance to poison children is a household cleaner. Many of these products are considered safe! Think of your own home. You probably have dozens of bottles of cleaners, containing hundreds of chemicals. Could an accident happen in your home? Check off the products you use in your home and evaluate your risks. Short-term health risks are listed on the front sheet. Long-term risks are listed on the back sheet. All information comes from actual manufacturer's Material Safety Data Sheets and National Poison Control Centers.

AIR FRESHENER (AEROSOL)	COSMETICS	LAUNDRY DETERGENT (LIQUID)
WARNING! Contains highly flammable propellants. Can cause moderate irritation to the eyes. Can cause mild to moderate lung irritation, including asthma-like symptoms.	Cosmetics are second only to cleaning products as a poisoner of children. They are not regulated like cleaners and many have no warning labels.	WARNING! Strong eye irritant, can cause corneal damage. Can irritate the skin. Vapors can cause coughing, labored breathing, and in severe cases, death.
ALL- PURPOSE CLEANER	DEODORANT (AEROSOL)	LAUNDRY DETERGENT (POWDERED)
WARNING! Strong lung irritant. Can cause mild to moderate damage to the eyes. Fumes can cause weakness and dizziness.	DANGER! Contains highly flammable propellants. Vapors can irritate the lungs and eyes.	WARNING! Can burn the skin and eyes, can cause corneal damage. Dust can cause headaches, dizziness, labored breathing, and in severe cases, death.
AUTOMATIC DISHWASHING LIQUID	DISHWASHING LIQUID	MOUTHWASH
WARNING! Strong skin irritant. Can burn throat. Many products contain bleach which can cause swelling and tearing of eye tissue. Vapors can cause headaches.	CAUTION! Possible skin irritant. Can cause swelling and tearing of the eye tissue. Vapors can cause labored coughing, labored breathing, and in severe cases, death.	CAUTION! Eye, nose and throat irritant. Ingestion can lead to dizziness and stupor. Most products contain 20% ethyl alcohol. Each year a number of young children die from ingestion.
AUTOMATIC DISHWASHING POWDER	DISINFECTANT CLEANER	OVEN CLEANER
WARNING! Strong eye and skin irritant. Contains corrosive bleach that can burn mouth and throat. Most common reported poison among children.	WARNING! Aerosols contain flammable propellants. Can burn skin and cause permanent corneal damage. Fumes can strongly irritate the nose, throat, and lungs.	DANGER! Contains lye which is highly corrosive. Burns the skin, mouth, throat and stomach. Causes permanent blindness.
BASIN, TUB, & TILE CLEANER	DRAIN CLEANER	PERFUME/COLOGNE
WARNING! Some are flammable. Contains acids that can burn the skin and cause corneal damage. Vapors can cause strong respiratory irritations.	WARNING! Burns mouth, tongue, throat, and stomach, causing permanent damage. Can cause severe eye damage and blindness.	Most scents contain enough alcohol to harm or kill a child after ingesting only a few swallows. Many ingredients can irritate the skin and burn the eyes.
BLEACH (LIQUID)	DUSTING SPRAY (AEROSOL)	SCOURING POWDER WITH BLEACH
DANGER! Causes severe eye injuries. Can damage mouth, throat, and stomach. Vapors irritate the nose, throat, and lungs.	DANGER! Flammable. Irritates the eyes, lungs. Five thousand people visit emergency rooms each year with an aerosol can related injury.	WARNING! Can cause moderate irritation to skin. Can burn mouth and throat. Can cause permanent eye damage. Gives off irritating fumes when wet.
BLEACH (POWDERED)	FABRIC SOFTENER (LIQUID)	STAINLESS STEEL CLEANER
WARNING! Breathing the dust can produce asthma-like symptoms. Damages eyes and skin. Mixing with ammonia can produce deadly fumes.	CAUTION! Mild eye irritant. Skin irritant. Vapors can cause headaches, dizziness, nausea, labored breathing, and in severe cases, death. Can aggravate asthma symptoms.	DANGER! Can burn the eyes and skin. Vapors can cause headaches, dizziness, and stupor.
BRASS, COPPER, SILVER POLISH	FABRIC SOFTENER SHEETS	TILE/HARD WATER SPOT REMOVER
WARNING! Can cause moderate eye and skin damage and burns. Fumes can cause headaches, dizziness, and stupor.	CAUTION! Possible skin irritant. Can irritate eyes. Vapors can cause headaches, dizziness, nausea, and in severe cases, death.	WARNING! Contains corrosive acids that can cause moderate burns and irritation to skin and eyes. Vapor can be highly irritating to nose, throat, and lungs.
CARPET DEODORIZER (POWDERED)	FLOOR CLEANER	TOILET BOWL CLEANER
CAUTION! Contact with skin can produce mild irritation. Contact with eyes can cause abrasive eye damage. Dust can irritate the lungs and aggravate asthma symptoms.	WARNING! Contains corrosive acids that can cause moderate burns and irritation to skin and eyes. Can burn mouth and throat. Can cause blindness.	DANGER! Contains hydrochloric acid which is highly corrosive. Burns the skin, mouth, and throat. Causes blindness.
CARPET SHAMPOO	FURNITURE POLISH	UPHOLSTERY STAIN REMOVER
WARNING! Can cause moderate to severe burns to eyes and skin. Vapors can irritate the nose, throat, and lungs.	DANGER! Contact with skin can dissolve vital skin oils and cause severe dermatitis (skin burns). Can permanently injure eyes.	WARNING! Can cause moderate to severe damage to skin and eyes. Ingesting can lead to abdominal tenderness and bleeding.
CARPET STAIN REMOVER	HAIR SPRAY (AEROSOL)	WINDOW CLEANER
WARNING! Can cause moderate to severe damage to eyes and skin. Vapors can cause respiratory distress.	DANGER! Contains highly flammable propellants. Can cause eye damage due to direct contact. Skin irritant. Vapors can cause headaches, dizziness, and fatigue.	WARNING! Can cause moderate irritation and damage to eyes. Fumes can be moderately to highly irritating to the lungs. Can irritate the skin.

The labels on products only have to warn of the acute (immediate) harms from ingesting a product, breathing the fumes, or contact with the eyes and skin. They don't reveal the harms presented by chronic (long-term) exposure to the chemicals in these products. Now flip the page to see the long-term risks presented by the chemical-laden products in your home.