



Regional Center for Poison Control and Prevention

Serving Massachusetts and Rhode Island



Pills and Poisons Quiz

Please circle the correct answer for each multiple choice or True/False question.

1. A 14-month-old child swallowed ½ teaspoon of Visine Eye drops several minutes ago. The child seems fine. When the mother called the poison center, the poison center recommendation was:
 - a) To treat the child at home with instructions from the specialist.
 - b) To take the child to the hospital.**
 - c) No treatment needed because Visine is not poisonous to humans.

When ingested, Visine causes diarrhea, extreme drowsiness, and a drop in blood pressure.

2. **True** or False. Tylenol and Nyquil contain the same active pain relief medication.

Both contain acetaminophen, and taking both medications is essentially taking a double dose.

3. True or **False**. It is safe to use a combination of different products when cleaning.

Bleach + ammonia / acid (toilet bowl cleaner) = chloramine gas/chlorine which is irritating to your eyes, nose, and throat. Gases can be dangerous.

4. An 18-month-old child ate a poinsettia flower about 5 minutes ago while at day care. He seems fine. When the child care provider called the poison center, the poison center recommendation was:
 - a) To treat the child at home with instructions from the specialist.
 - b) To take the child to the hospital.
 - c) No treatment needed because poinsettia plants are not poisonous to humans.**

While poinsettia plants may cause stomach upset they are not dangerous to humans. During the holidays, holly and mistletoe are more worrisome. But always teach children not to eat any leaves and berries.

5. True or **False**. It is difficult to be poisoned by carbon monoxide if you are awake, because you can smell it.

*Carbon monoxide is odorless and colorless, and the gas replaces the oxygen in our blood
Winter months approaching – important to have gas burning appliances and venting and chimney systems inspected
Do not use charcoal grills in your home, or let space heater run while you are sleeping
Have your car's exhaust system inspected for possible leaks
CPSC recommends installing carbon monoxide detectors in your home*

6. True or **False**. As long as a **vitamin** bottle has a child-resistant cap, it is safe to leave it on the table when children are around.

We don't expect you to know how to handle every situation – that is what we are here for! Always call the poison center if a child has gotten into a poison or if you have any questions.

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