

Kids Can Be At Risk For Poisoning During Holidays

(KAIR)--For many of us, decorating our home and having family and friends celebrate with us is part of the fun of the holiday season. However, if you have children, it is important to note that while you are enjoying your festively decorated home and spending time with loved ones, your child may be at risk from some of the small things you make take for granted over the holidays. Safe Kids Kansas Director Cheri Sage says that taking a little precaution now can prevent a major illness with your child later. Some of the things you can do is to make sure that any and all alcoholic drinks are out of reach of children. Also, it may be a good idea to keep purses and other bags off of the floor and out of reach as some people keep their medications in those types of bags.

Decorative plants can also pose a lethal risk to a child. Sage says the rule of thumb is that if your child ingests any non food plant, the best thing to do is to call poison control. They can tell you what steps you need to take, and if you need to take your child to the emergency room or not.

Sage also advises against burning Christmas tree or other treated wood and wrapping paper in your fireplace as these substances can give off toxic fumes when burned.

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