Is your home poison-proof? If it’s not, someone may get hurt—and soon. Take time to poison-proof your home!

 POISON-PROOFING THE KITCHEN

1. Do all harmful products in the cabinets have child-resistant caps? Products like furniture polishes, drain cleaners and some oven cleaners should have safety packaging to keep young children from accidentally opening the packages. [ ] [ ]

2. Are all potentially harmful products in their original containers? There are two dangers if products aren’t stored in their original containers. Labels on the original containers often give first aid information if someone should swallow the product. And if a product is stored in containers like drinking glasses or pop bottles, someone may think it is food and swallow it. [ ] [ ]

3. Are harmful products stored away from food? If harmful products are placed next to food, someone may accidentally get a food or a poison mixed up and swallow the poison. [ ] [ ]

4. Have all potentially harmful products been put up high and out of reach of children? The best way to prevent poisoning is to make sure that it’s impossible to find and get at the poisons. Locking all cabinets that hold dangerous products is the best poison prevention. [ ] [ ]

 POISON-PROOFING THE GARAGE OR STORAGE AREA

1. Did you know that almost everything in your garage or storage area that can be swallowed is a terrible poison? Violent, horrible reactions occur to people who swallow such everyday substances as charcoal lighter, paint thinner and remover, antifreeze and turpentine. Do all these poisons have child-resistant caps? [ ] [ ]

2. Are they stored in the original containers? [ ] [ ]

3. Are the original labels on the containers? [ ] [ ]

4. Have you made sure that no poisons are stored in drinking glasses or pop bottles? [ ] [ ]

5. Are all these harmful products locked up and out of sight and reach? [ ] [ ]

When you can answer all the questions with a ‘yes’, your house is poison-proofed. Then, to make sure your house stays poison-proof, when you buy potentially harmful products make sure they have child-resistant closures and keep these products out of sight and reach.