



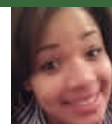
4-H Animal Science Factsheet #053014

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Plants can be DANGEROUS to Kids

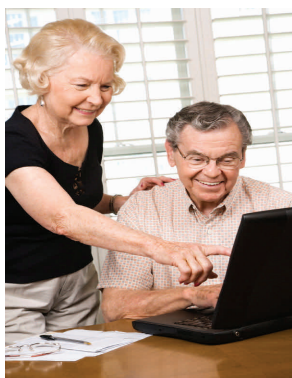


POISON CONTROL CENTERS & ER'S

Learning the truth about certain plants can actually save the life of your child. Too many children are poisoned each year because people don't know or believe that common plants can be dangerous. Often, plants have "disguised" defenses that protect them. Everyone knows about poison ivy but no one knows about Lantana (see reverse side of this page). Plants can give a rash or a cut. They can jab with thorns or thistles.

On a more serious note, some plants are poisonous. A small child will often put anything in their mouth. The risk is common with house plants, yard plants and surprisingly, even garden plants.

WEBSITES



If you are responsible for a child you should visit one of many websites that will inform you which plants to be wary of. Make a note of them here for quick reference:

<http://www.fpicjax.org/plants.asp>

This is a serious issue that needs to be taken careful note of.

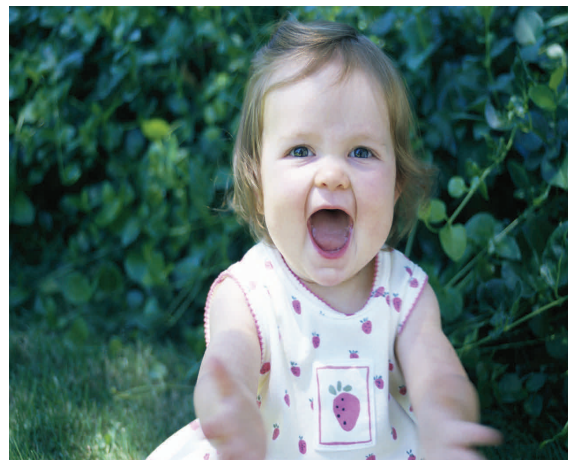
You can learn this important skill.

TAKE PRECAUTIONS



Be aware of the dangers of your plants. Remove, relocate them temporarily, or if necessary, permanently. Other options include barriers for the child or relandscaping your lot with safety in mind.

The life of a child is not worth the danger from a specially "loved plant".



Lily of the Valley is one of many toxic plants



Examples of Plants known to be toxic to Children

CASTOR BEAN



OLEANDER



BLACKEYED SUSAN



POTHOS



JIMSON WEED



CHERRY TREE



BLACK NIGHTSHADE



LANTANA



SICKLEPOD



COONTIES



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CHERRY LAUREL



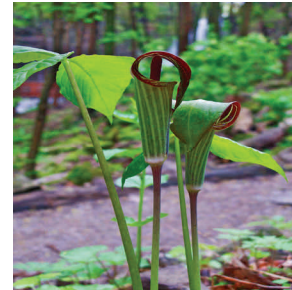
GOLDEN RAIN TREE



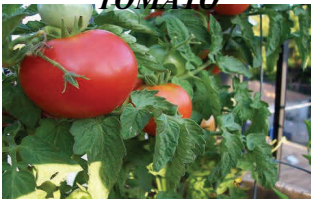
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JACK IN THE PULPIT



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