



Communication Update:

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF LAKE COUNTY

Illinois Poison Center PR - COVID-19 pandemic causes surge in cleaning product exposures

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IPC Cleaning Product Exposures Up 30% COVID-19 Pandemic Causes Surge in Exposures reported to Nation's Oldest Poison Center

The Illinois Poison Center (IPC) urges people to use caution with cleaning products, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. According to IPC data, exposures to cleaning products are up 30%, compared to last year, related to novel coronavirus transmission precautions and concerns. Examples of exposures the IPC is managing include:

- People using non-traditional chemicals to wash their hands (e.g. bleach, hydrogen peroxide, wipes, etc.) instead of regular hand soap resulting in rash/irritation and cracked skin.
- People using chemicals (e.g. bleach, wipes, cleaning powders) to wash their groceries, including produce and are then concerned about toxicity upon ingestion;
- Mixing cleaning chemicals together and inadvertently producing toxic gas; and
- Pediatric exposures to cleaning products left open/unattended. [Read more...](#)

Additional information re: poison prevention and common substances involved in a poisoning exposure:

["My Child Ate..." Resource Center](#) (46 of the most common substances involved in a pediatric exposure: poop, silica gel, glow sticks, play doh, cat litter, makeup, etc.

Free online Poison Prevention Education [Course](#) and [CEC's](#)

[Spring in Bloom...is it toxic?](#)

No issue or question too big or too small...just call 1-800-222-1222.

Our medical experts are available 24/7/365

The Illinois Poison Center (IPC) is a nonprofit health service that provides the people of Illinois with comprehensive and trusted information and treatment advice on potentially harmful substances via a free, confidential 24-hour helpline staffed by specially trained physicians, nurses and pharmacists.

Illinois Poison Center
 Illinois Health and Hospital Association
 833 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 610
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