

## **Child Abuse Prevention Month: Child Safety in the Home**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. This year, the Department of Human Services (DHS) is encouraging caregivers to keep children safe by ensuring dangerous ingestibles are stored out of sight and out of reach.

Children under the age of six are six times more likely to experience poisoning from ingestible items than the general population. While these poisonings often result from ingesting medicines or other drugs, there are many other household items that can make children ill. Caretakers are encouraged to be vigilant and keep household cleaners, non-cooking oils, batteries and other dangerous items out of reach. Additionally, caretakers should ensure that alcohol and nicotine are kept away from children.

DHS has compiled a list of tips on keeping children safe, as well as resources for proper drug and poison storage, on the DHS [website](#). Previous Child Abuse Prevention Month campaigns are also available [online](#).