

POTENTIAL PET HAZARDS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Here are common and potentially hazardous items could cause toxicity or injury to your pet. Please take precautions to prevent exposure or ingestion of these items and keep your furry friends away from potentially harmful situations.



Home & Garden Hazards

Many household and outdoor items could be toxic or hazardous to your pet. Check your home and surroundings and eliminate access to these common items:

- Algae and mold
- Automotive fluids (antifreeze, oil, radiator, windshield washer, etc.)
- Bleach & other cleansers (used for toilets, tubs, tiles, drains, countertops, floors)
- Carpet fresheners & shampoo
- Detergents (laundry, dishwasher, and fabric softener in powders, liquids, and pods)
- Essential oils
- Fertilizers
- Flea and other household extermination products
- Grout
- Insecticides, pesticides, rodenticides (especially those containing bromethalin)
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Vinegar & water



Harmful Human Foods & Drinks

Human food is always a temptation to our beloved pets. Prevent them from accessing these hazardous foods:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Avocados
- Citrus
- Coconut nut & coconut oil
- Coffee & caffeinated beverages
- Chocolate
- Fatty foods
- Garlic, onions, chives
- Grapes, raisins
- Nuts (macadamia, almond, pecan, walnut)
- Milk & dairy
- Raw & undercooked meat, eggs and bones
- Salt, and salty snack foods
- Xylitol (artificial sweetener in gum, candy, toothpaste, some peanut butter, and other foods)
- Yeast dough



Poisonous Plants

Many common flowers and household plants can cause digestive distress or physical injuries, or contain toxins that can be harmful if ingested. These include:

- Aloe
- Amaryllis
- Autumn Crocus
- Azalea
- Baby's Breath
- Castor Bean
- Chrysanthemum
- Clematis
- Cyclamen
- Daffodil
- Dumb Cane
- Gladiolas
- Holly
- Hyacinth
- Hydrangea
- Iris
- Ivy
- Kalanchoe
- Lilies
- Mistletoe
- Narcissus
- Poinsettia
- Pothos
- Rhododendron
- Sago Palm
- Schefflera
- Tulip
- Yew
- Yucca

While these are the most common, there are others that have been known to cause systemic effects or a varying degree of gastrointestinal upset. For photos and a more extensive list of harmful plants, visit aspc.org.



Medication & Cosmetics

All medications and supplements should always be kept out of reach. Examples include:

- Human prescriptions, specifically Adderall and other amphetamines
- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) including over-the-counter medications like ibuprofen and naproxen
- Lotions, topical ointments, sunblock
- Aspirin & baby aspirin
- Pepto Bismol and other products that contain salicylates
- Pseudoephedrine and other decongestants
- Bar soap and face wash
- Breath fresheners
- Petroleum Jelly
- Human supplements not intended for pets (vitamins, etc.)



Additional Harmful Objects & Situations

Curious pets may be tempted to play with or chew on unexpected items.

The following items may cause other injury to your pets:

- Marijuana
- Batteries
- Bones (particularly small ones that are easy to ingest)
- Buttons
- Scented litter
- Coins (especially pennies)
- Electrical cords, outlets
- Candles and fireplaces
- Garbage and easy access to trash/leftover food
- Glow jewelry
- Gorilla Glue®
- Nicotine (cigarettes, patches)
- Paint
- Potpourri
- Ribbon, string, thread, tinsel
- Mosquito repellent
- Toads, insects, spiders, snakes, and scorpions
- Human toys that are easy for pets to ingest

For a more comprehensive list and explanation of items in the above categories, visit aspc.org.

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center is available 24 hours a day for any pet poison emergencies. If you think your pet has ingested something potentially dangerous, call 888-426-4435.

