## WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>-25<sup>TH</sup> IS POISON PREVENTION WEEK

## PREVENT CHILDHOOD POISONING

Children act fast . . . so do poisons!

KEEP LITTLE ONES SAFE WITH THESE TIPS:

- Use child-resistant containers whenever possible.

- Remember: there is no such thing as CHILD-PROOF. Lock all medicines and household products out of the sight and reach of children . . . even when using child-resistant packaging.

- Take your own medicine where children can't watch. They learn by imitating you.

- Don't call medicine "candy."

- Read the label on all medicines and products. Follow the instructions exactly.
- Use the measuring devices that come with medicines. Don't guess be sure!
- Teach children to ask before touching or tasting anything they find on their own.

- Don't give over the counter cough and cold medicines to children younger than 2 without a doctor's approval.

- Keep the poison center number near every phone and program the poison center phone number (1-800-222-1222) in every cell phone. Call anytime of the day or night if you have a question or need help. Specially trained nurses and pharmacists will tell you exactly what to do.

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