

## 9 Months and Up



Your child has now begun to develop the skills of walking and climbing. Be constantly aware that your child can get into anything, anywhere.

- Medicine cabinets are now within reach. **Remember child safety caps are not childproof.**
- Children have access to the entire yard. Remove all mushrooms, dangerous plants, and pesticide products from the yard.
- Children love to get into parent's things. Do not store medications in your purse.
- Remember children's medications, such as vitamins, antibiotics and cough syrups taste great! If the child has access to this medication, such as in the refrigerator, he may take it.



- **Never tell your child that medication is candy.** Even though this might help you convince your child to take a dose of medication from you. It may also make them think all medications are candy.
- Remember, a child's "taste" is still developing. Just because something tastes bad to you, doesn't mean it will taste bad to your child.

## For the babysitter

Go to our website and look under Kids' Corner to print tips for the babysitter and to download "Babysitter Notes".

	<b>Babysitter Notes</b>	
Family Name _____		
Our address: _____ Phone: _____		
Will be at: _____		
Address: _____		
Phone: _____ Cell/Mobile Phone: _____		
Expect to be home at: _____		
Bedtime _____ TV _____		
Meals/Snacks _____		
Medicine _____		
Allergies _____		
Doctor: _____ Phone: _____		
Neighbor: _____ Phone: _____		
Notes: _____		

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## Poison Safety Tips for Baby's First Year

**Congratulations on your new arrival!**



**Texas Poison Center Network**

[www.poisoncontrol.org](http://www.poisoncontrol.org)

**POISON Help**  
1-800-222-1222

## Congratulations!



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The Texas Poison Center Network would like to congratulate you on the birth of your child. We would like to help you keep your child safe as he or she grows. This brochure contains important poison safety tips for poisoning dangers your child will face during the first few years.

## 0-6 Months

The most common problem the Poison Center sees at this age is medication errors.



- Use measuring syringes or droppers given to you by your pharmacist or physician. Give the right amount. Do you give a drop or a dropper-full? **If you are unsure, check with your pharmacist or physician before giving the medication.**
- Any amount over ½ tsp. (2.5 mls) should be verified with a pediatrician or pharmacist.
- Make sure your babysitter has clear instructions for giving medications to your baby.

**Our services are free  
24 hours a day, 365 days a year!  
Don't hesitate to call us.**



## 6-9 Months



Your baby is now crawling. **To see what your baby can see, get on your hands and knees and crawl throughout the house.** Here are some things you may want to pay attention to:

- Cleaning products that are commonly kept under cabinets need to be stored out of sight and out of reach.
- Identify all indoor and outdoor plants with your local greenhouse and call the Poison Center to see if the plant is dangerous to your child.
- Your baby now has access to the entire floor of your house. The things your baby might find are: rat poisons, insect bait, and medications accidentally dropped.