

# missouri poison center



## PRESCHOOL AND DAYCARE



## "QUILLS UP!" SPIKE'S POISON PREVENTION ADVENTURE

Teachers play a vital role in educating students about poison prevention. Young children are at greatest risk for unintentional poisonings and Quills Up – Stay Away! A Poison Awareness Program makes it easy and fun to teach this important topic.

Teach children not to touch, taste, or smell anything dangerous or unfamiliar with this 11-minute music and story-telling video, featuring Spike the Porcupine, produced by the American Association of Poison Control Centers. It is appropriate for preschool, kindergarten or 1st grade. The video can be viewed at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=v0mEreOu8zw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v0mEreOu8zw).

There are also many resources available for instant download on the Missouri Poison Center website:

The Teacher's Guide includes poison prevention information, classroom activities, and song lyrics.

The Brochure for Parents includes information about poison prevention, first aid for possible poisonings, teaching safety rules to children, and Spike's "Stay-Away" Song.

Spike the Puppet can be downloaded and printed. Use the puppet for a coloring activity, and as a student and teacher game or activity.



## KEY MESSAGES FOR CHILDREN

The Quills Up! Program is based on the important things children should know to prevent unintentional poisonings.

1. Stay away from areas at home that could contain poisonous items: medicine, kitchen, bathroom, garage and cleaning cabinets.
2. Never touch, taste, or smell something that could be poisonous, especially if you don't know what it is.
3. If you don't know what it is – stay away and ask a grown-up.
4. Tell a grown-up if you see something that could be dangerous.
5. If someone you know touches, tastes, or smells something that could be poisonous, tell a grown-up right away.
6. Help your parents and other adults put the Poison Help phone number magnet in easy-to-find places, or program the number in their phones.
7. Have an adult call the Poison Help line immediately at (1-800-222-1222) if you or someone else touches, tastes, or smells a poisonous item.

Education is key to prevention. The Missouri Poison Center welcomes teachers, child care providers, scout leaders, EMS providers and other community educators to use these free resources to teach about poison safety.

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