

Some Do's and Don'ts

- 1 Never eat any part of an unknown plant or mushroom. Teach your children never to put leaves, stems, bark, seeds, nuts, or berries from any plant into their mouths.
- 2 Keep poisonous house plants out of reach of young children. Store bulbs and seeds out of sight and out of reach.
- 3 Learn to identify the poisonous plants in your neighborhood.
- 4 Do not assume a plant is not poisonous because birds or other wildlife eat it.
- 5 Do not rely on cooking to destroy toxic chemicals in plants. Never use anything prepared from nature as a methane or "tea."

Remember that any plant may cause unexpected reactions in certain individuals. Always check with the West Virginia Poison Center or your physician if a plant has been ingested.

If a poisoning occurs call:

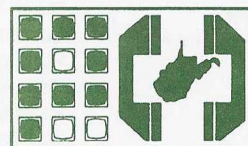
1-800-222-1222

Do you know about your Poison Center?

Many people think of a poison center as a room with shelves and bottles filled with remedies. Nothing could be further from the truth.

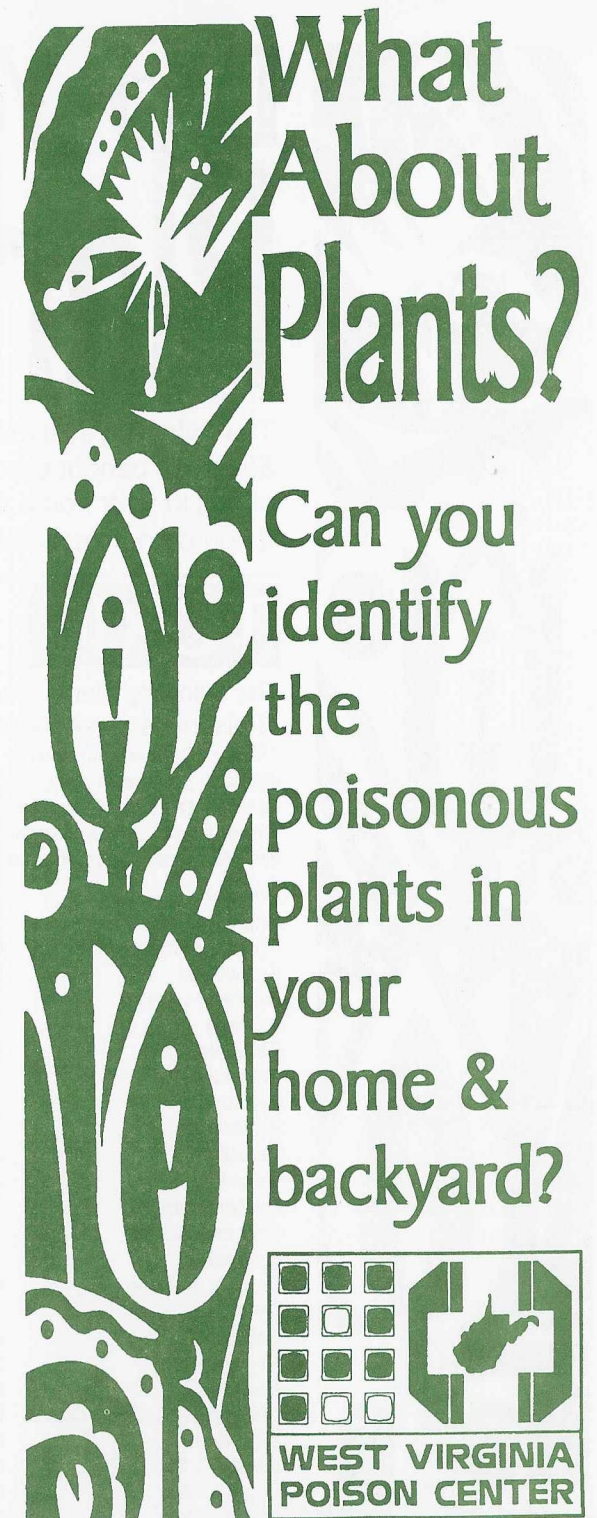
The West Virginia Poison Center (WVPC) is a knowledge resource center, set up for the benefit of you and your community. Up-to-date information about thousands of everyday products is stored in computer data banks, books and journals for quick and easy retrieval, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The "hotline" specialist that answers your call is NOT a volunteer. Our specialists are registered nurses, pharmacists and physicians that are specially trained in poison emergencies. The specialists along with up-to-date information at the West Virginia Poison Center make for a very important resource for public and health care professionals throughout West Virginia. Though regular research and continued communications with the nation's toxicology specialists, the West Virginia Poison Center makes itself a resource for the latest information on the treatment of poison exposures and to hazardous substances.

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