

Poisonous Plants

The listed plants are considered **VERY** harmful to children. **Other plants may also be A SEVERE HEALTH RISK to your child if consumed.** Contact the POISONS INFORMATION CENTRE to discuss the appropriate first aid action if your child should ingest **ANY** plant or gardening product in your home or garden.

PLANT	TOXIC PART
African Milk Bush <i>Synadenium grantii</i>	Sap is corrosive; All other parts are poisonous if ingested
Agapanthus <i>Agapanthus orientalis</i>	Leaves; acute skin irritation
Angels Trumpet <i>Brugmansia</i> <i>Datura Candida</i>	All parts (esp. fruits, seeds & flowers) are poisonous if ingested
Arum Lily <i>Santedeschia aethiopica</i>	All parts are poisonous if ingested; can cause skin irritation
Autumn Crocus <i>Colchicum autumnale</i>	All parts are poisonous if ingested
Azalea <i>Rhododendron</i>	All parts are poisonous if ingested
Bird of Paradise <i>Poinciana gilliesii</i>	Seeds and green seed pods are toxic
Black Locust <i>Robinia psuedoacacia</i>	Seeds and other parts of plant are poisonous if ingested
Box <i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	All parts are poisonous if ingested
Cape Lilac <i>Melia azedarach</i>	Seeds are poisonous if ingested; Fruit
Castor-oil Plant <i>Ricinus communis</i>	Seeds; All parts poisonous if ingested
Cotoneaster	Fruit (red berries)
Daffodil & Jonquil <i>Narcissus pseudonarcissus</i> & <i>Narcissus jonquilla</i>	Bulbs are poisonous if ingested
Daphne	Bark and Berries
Dumb-Cane <i>Dieffenbachia spp.</i>	All parts: particularly Sap and Berries
Duranta <i>repens</i>	Fruit/Berries



Angels Trumpet



Dumb Cane

PLANT	TOXIC PART
Foxglove <i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	All parts can cause irregular heart beat, digestive upset & dizziness if ingested.
Hemlock <i>Conium Maculatum</i>	All parts; however the seeds contain the greatest portion of poison.
Holly <i>Ilex</i>	Berries, spiked toxic leaves
Jessamine <i>Cestrum spp.</i>	All parts, but mainly unripe berries when ingested
Laburnum / Golden Chain Tree <i>Laburnum anagyroides</i>	Poisoning by ingestion of all parts, especially seeds
Lantana <i>Lantana camara</i>	Green berries are poisonous if ingested. Skin or allergic reaction may occur when handling
Naked Lady <i>Euphorbia tirucalli</i>	All parts, especially milky sap on skin or in eyes
Nightshades <i>Solanum dulcamara or</i> <i>Solanum nigrum</i>	All parts, especially green fruit/berries
Oleander <i>Nerium oleander and</i> <i>Thevetia peruviana</i>	All parts are highly toxic if ingested. Contact with the skin can cause irritation.
Poinsettia <i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i>	Leaves, flowers and milky sap
Rhus <i>Toxicodendron succedaneum</i>	All parts can cause severe dermatitis & swelling if comes into contact with the skin; the sap causes the most severe reaction.



Duranta. Geisha Girl



Oleander

PLANT	TOXIC PART
Rosary Pea <i>Arbus precatorius</i>	Seeds
Sweet pea <i>Lathyrus odoratus.</i>	Seeds
Toadstools and wild fungus <i>Amanita spp.</i>	All parts. (Never eat fungi occurring in gardens/lawns)
Thorn Apple <i>Datura stramonium</i> and <i>Jimson Weed</i>	All parts: mainly seeds and leaves if ingested
Winter Sweet <i>Carissa spectabilis</i>	All parts
Yellow Oleander, <i>Thevetia species</i>	All parts. One seed can be lethal to infants.
Yew <i>Taxus baccata</i>	Fruit, leaves and seeds
Zamia Palm <i>Cycads, Macrozamia</i>	Seed is poisonous if ingested

Fruits and Vegetables

PLANT	TOXIC PART
Avocado	Leaves
Bay Tree Sweet Bay <i>Laurus nobilis</i>	Berries poisonous (leaves are a culinary herb)
Potato	Green skin, spoiled potatoes and sprouts
Rhubarb <i>Rheum rhaponticum</i>	Leaf blade
Stone Fruit <i>Apricot, Cherry, Peach, Plum</i>	The kernel contains a compound that releases cyanide when eaten
Tomato	Green parts of fruit, leaves and vines



Simple Ways to Prevent Poisoning from Plants

DO NOT

- Assume a plant is not poisonous because birds or other wildlife can eat it
- Use any part of a plant for cooking or medicinal use unless fully aware of its attributes

DO

- Make sure ALL plants, both indoor and outdoor are accurately identified
- Teach your children never to put leaves, stems, seeds, nuts or berries from any plant into their mouths
- Keep poisonous plants out of children's reach, eg. remove or securely fence off all identified poisonous plants
- Keep a record of ALL plants in your garden
- Take a sample of a plant to your local nursery if unsure what the name of the plant is
- Keep the Poisons Information Centre phone number next to your phone 13 11 26.



For further information regarding safe plants around the home please contact:

- Your local garden centre
- Poisons Information Centre: 13 11 26
- www.health.qld.gov.au/PoisonsInformationCentre/

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