

4 BUSLOADS
OF CHILDREN
PER DAY
VISIT THE
EMERGENCY ROOM



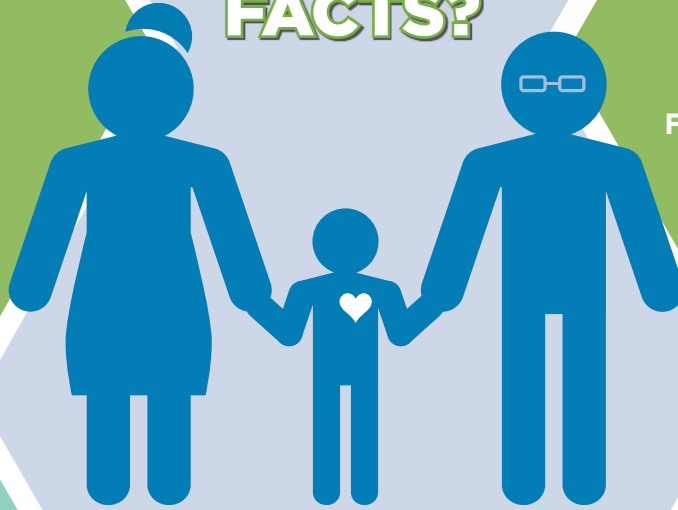
FOR MEDICINE
POISONING

=1 EVERY
8 MINUTES



YOU WOULD DO ANYTHING TO KEEP
YOUR GRANDCHILDREN SAFE.

BUT DID YOU KNOW THESE STARTLING FACTS?



Put your medicines
up AND away
and out of sight

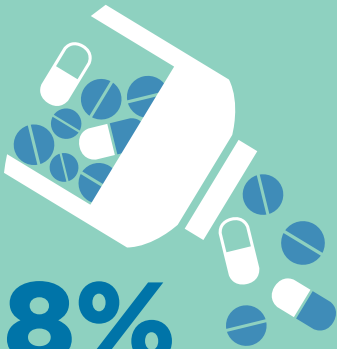
IN **86%**

OF ER VISITS,
THE CHILD
HAD EASY ACCESS
TO THE MEDICATION

CHILDREN
MOST COMMONLY
FIND MEDICATIONS
ON COUNTERS,
NIGHT STANDS
& DRESSERS; IN
PURSES & BAGS;
OR ON
THE GROUND



HOW ARE
CHILDREN GETTING
THE MEDICINE?



IN
38%

OF CASES,
THE MEDICINE
BELONGED TO
THE **GRANDPARENT**

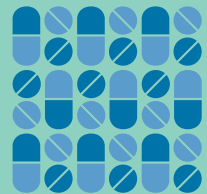
ELECTRICAL
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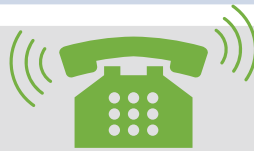
SAFETY
CONCERN OF
GRANDPARENTS



BUT IT'S
36x
MORE
LIKELY



THAT A CHILD WILL
GO TO THE ER FOR
MEDICINE POISONING



EVERY MINUTE A POISON CONTROL
CENTER ANSWERS A CALL ABOUT A
YOUNG CHILD GETTING INTO MEDICINE

500,000 **CALLS**
PER YEAR

TIPS FOR GRANDPARENTS ON SAFE MEDICINE STORAGE

- Store all medicines and vitamins **Up and Away** and out of sight.
- Keep purses, bags, and coats that contain medicines or vitamins out of reach and sight.
- Always lock caps tightly and put away medicines after every use. Remember that weekly pill reminder kits often don't have child resistant closures.
- Never leave medicines or vitamins out on a table, countertop, or sink.
- Set a daily reminder to take your medicines and vitamins since they will be out of sight.
- Program the national Poison Help number, 1-800-222-1222 into your phone.

Infographic data source: Safe Kids Worldwide. 2014. *Keeping Families Safe Around Medicine*

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