

Teaching Adults about Poisons

When teaching adults about poisons, the program should be based on current research and current poisoning data. The goal is to provide adults with the knowledge and skills to:

- ❖ Identify poisons
- ❖ Prevent poisonings
- ❖ Respond appropriately in poisoning emergencies

Programs for adults/older adults can be conducted at:

- ❖ Places of employment
- ❖ PTA meetings
- ❖ Neighborhood association meetings
- ❖ Civic and community/volunteer organization meetings
- ❖ Health departments
- ❖ Hospitals
- ❖ Senior centers

After each program, the participants should be able to:

- ❖ State the purpose of the program
- ❖ State examples of common poisons
- ❖ Describe risk factors associated with poisoning for children and adults
- ❖ Identify individuals at risk of poisoning
- ❖ List strategies to prevent poisonings in the home
- ❖ Repeat the phone number of the poison center
- ❖ Describe the appropriate response for poison emergencies
- ❖ Describe the services provided by the Oregon Poison Center
- ❖ Describe the information to give to the poison specialist

Needed Materials

- Overhead projector (if using PowerPoint presentation).
- Chalkboard, Dry Erase Board, or Flip Chart
- Displays: Medicine and Candy Display; Look-a-Like/ Safety Lock / Poisonous Plant Displays
- Copies of Audience Handouts (can be made from PowerPoint presentation)
- OPC Poison Prevention Materials (See **Program Request and Material Order Form** and **Public Education Material List**).
- Copies of Adult Program Pre/Post Tests

Don't forget to order your free OPC poison prevention materials early to make sure you receive them in time for your program. Remember to return your **Program Report Form** after you have conducted a program!!

