THE FACTS

Every home contains medicines, vitamins, make-up, toiletries, cleaning products, insect sprays, moth balls, weed killers and other items that are useful, but often very dangerous to little children. These items, which are often brightly colored liquids, frequently prove to be too much temptation for curious kids whose first instinct is to put things in their mouths. So keep them out of sight and out of reach.

For more safety information, visit www.lebonheur.org/safekids.

SAFETY TIPS

• Read labels and find out which household products or plants are poisonous. If you are not sure about something, keep it where children cannot reach it.

• Lock up poisons and medicines out of sight and out of reach of children.

• Use child resistant caps.

• Do not take medicine in front of children. They might try to copy you.

• Never leave potentially poisonous household products unattended when you are using them.

• Properly discard old medicines and cleaning products.

• Post the Poison Center number by your phone - 1-800-222-1222.

GET THE GEAR!

FEATURED ITEM - ACTIVATED CHARCOAL

• To be used only when directed by a physician or poison control center. Keep on hand - just in case.

• Where to find it - Local pharmacies.

• Cost - $10.00.