

# Daily Dangers of Poisoning

## Dry cell battery poisoning:

Dry cell batteries are a common type of power source. Tiny dry cell batteries are sometimes called button batteries.

**Don't delay!** Batteries stuck in the esophagus can be life-threatening or even lethal. Prompt removal may be required.



Symptoms depend on what type of battery or item swallowed:

- Decreased mental ability
- Irritation or burns in the mouth
- Muscle cramps
- Slurred speech
- Swelling of the lower legs, ankles, or feet
- Spastic walk
- Tremor
- Weakness

## Bathroom poisons:

\*Put the following items **out of reach** and/or in a bathroom cabinet that you can **lock**, because these can all be harmful to a child:

- bathroom, shower or tile cleaners
- deodorants
- lipsticks and other make-up, including facial toner and nail polish remover
- medicines
- moisturizers and gels
- mouthwash, perfume, hand sanitizer and aftershave – these can have a high percentage of alcohol
- shampoos, conditioners, soaps and body wash, especially those with food smells
- toilet cleaners – fluid and solid.
- Detergent pods



Items in the bedroom or family area that can poison include:

- air fresheners
- alcohol
- bubble-blowing solution
- essential oils – for example, eucalyptus oil
- Glues
- Slime, Puddy, Dough





## Datura Plant

They are dangerous to those who choose to ingest parts of them, such as might happen to those hoping for a hallucinogenic experience, or perhaps ingested some by accident .

If someone eats the seeds the following can happen: respiratory depression, arrhythmias, fever, delirium, hallucinations, anticholinergic syndrome, psychosis, and even death if taken internally.

As scary as it sounds some people do use it as a recreational drug, according to the internet.



**Cacti** found mostly on the gentle slopes and plains near the Franklin Mountains. Be extra safe when hiking as you can encounter various cacti along the way.



Cacti are **NOT** poisonous to humans. The only time cacti are dangerous is if you eat them, which can cause **stomachaches and diarrhea**. Some people may have allergic reactions to the needles on cacti, so it's best to avoid touching or eating them.

As spring approaches so do beautiful flowers, to either decorate your home or as a gift to friends and family members. Next time you consider tulips be sure to be extra careful, "**Tulip fingers**" is an irritating rash that can occur in people who handle tulips for work or pleasure. It is found mostly in the outer layers of tulip bulbs. After repeated exposures, the skin's reactions get worse and a painful rash can occur.

This rash can affect both the fingertips as well as the area around the fingernails. Wearing nitrile gloves (not latex) while handling tulips will protect the skin and prevent "tulip fingers."

