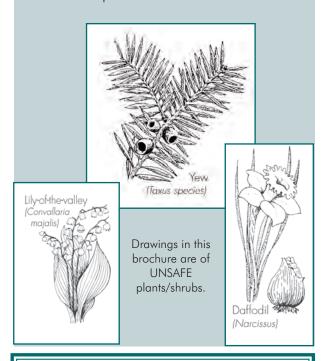
# PLEASE KEEP IN MIND...

that this is only a partial list and some plants are known by more than one name. If you have questions about any plant not listed, please call 1-800-222-1222. If you have children in the home, select plants from among the many varieties that are known to be safe. Enjoy both beauty and peace of mind with safe indoor and outdoor plant choices.



### CONNECTICUT POISON CONTROL CENTER

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# WHAT TO DO

If you suspect that someone has ingested any amount of a plant, follow these guidelines:

- 1. Remove any plant parts from the person's mouth. Gently wipe mouth with a wet cloth.
- 2. Give the person a small amount of water to drink if they are conscious and can swallow.
- 3. Call the Connecticut Poison Control Center immediately – don't wait for symptoms to develop.



# Know Your Plants



**Connecticut Poison Control Center** 

## THERE ARE TWO SIDES TO EVERY LEAF

While there are a great many safe, non-toxic plants available, others contain substances poisonous to humans and animals. Houseplants are sometimes chosen without stopping to consider just what varieties may be harmful. Likewise, gardens and yards may contain dangerous leaves, berries, and flowers that attract curious children.

## KNOW YOUR PLANTS

- 1. Identify all plants in your home and yard. This may be done by bringing the plant or a cutting to a nursery, greenhouse or florist.
- 2. Label the plants with proper names. Write the name on tape and attach it to the pot. For the vard, make a map of the area indicating the name and location of each tree, plant, and bush. Keep this information handy in case of an emergency.
- 3. Determine which plants are safe and which may be harmful. Harmful plants should be kept out of children's reach. Never assume a plant is safe because birds or wildlife eat it.
- 4. Teach children not to eat leaves, berries, buds, or flowers. Remind them to "look but don't lick - admire but don't pick." Never eat any part of an unknown plant or mushroom. Remember that it is easy to confuse safe and unsafe plants and mushrooms.
- 5. Store all seeds and bulbs in a safe place.
- 6. Mushrooms often grow after a rainfall. It is best to inspect your lawn and remove all mushrooms growing in the yard.

Plants listed under "Safe Plants" are not expected to cause symptoms beyond mild skin irritation. However, any plant can cause unexpected reactions in certain individuals, including choking.



### SAFE PLANTS

Inch Plant African Violet Air Fern Jade Aluminum Plant Kalanchoe Lady's Slipper Alvssum Aralia Lavender Areca Palm Lilac Lily (Easter, Day, Tiger) Aster

Astilbe Lipstick Plant Autumn Olive Magnolia Baby's Breath Mountain Ash **Baby Tears** Mulberry Bachelor's Button Nasturtium Bee Balm Norfolk Pine Blood Leaf Orchids Bridal Veil Pachysandra Bromeliad **Palms** Butterfly Bush Peperomia Chokecherry Petunia Christmas Cactus Phlox

Piggyback Plant Cockscomb Poinsettia\* Coral Bell **Prayer Plant** Cornflower Pussywillow Corn Plant Rose

Coleus

Ferns

Freesia

Fuschia

Gardenia

Geranium

Grape Hyacinth

Gloxinia

Hawthorn

Hibiscus

Hosta

Hoya

Heuchera

**Impatiens** 

Honey Locust

Honevsuckle

Rose of Sharon Crocus, spring Dahlia Sage Dandelion Snapdragon Spider Plant Dogwood Dracaena Swedish Ivy Tulip

Umbrella Plant Fir, Douglas Forget-me-not Venus Fly Trap Forsythia Yucca

Zebra Plant Zinnia



### **UNSAFE PLANTS**

Aconite Aloe Amaryllis Angel's Trumpet Azalea Baneberry Begonia Bittersweet Black Locust Bleeding Heart Bloodroot Buckeye Buttercup Caladium Calla Lilv Carnation Castor Bean Christmas Rose Chrysanthemum Cotoneaster Crocus, autumn Daffodil Daisy

Daphne Delphinium Dieffenbachia Doabane Elephant's Ear

Eucalyptus Euphorbia Firethorn Foxglove Gladiola Goldenrod Heather Hellebore

Hemlock (Poison, Water) Henbane

Holly Horse Chestnut Hyacinth Hydrangea Iris lvy

Jack-in-the-pulpit lava Bean Jequirty Bean

Jerusalem Cherry Jimson Weed Jonquil Juniper Lantana Larkspur

Lily of the Valley Lobelia Lupine May Apple Milkweed Mistletoe Monkshood Morning Glory Mountain Laurel

Mushrooms (all types) Narcissus

Nightshade (Black, Deadly)

Nettle, Stinging Oak

Oleander Peace Lily Peony Periwinkle Philodendron

Poison Ivv. Oak. Sumac

Pokeweed Pothos

Queen Anne's Lace Rhododendron Rhubarb leaves Rosary Pea Rubber Tree Plant Schefflera Skunk Cabbage Snake Plant Spathiphyllum

Spurge Star of Bethlehem

Sweet Pea Wisteria Wolfsbane

Yew

<sup>\*</sup>Reports concerning toxicity of this plant have been exaggerated.