

POISON PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

ONE – TWO YEAR OLDS

YUCKY FACES

Make “Yucky Faces” when handling harmful products and say “This is Bad.”

I SEE and I CAN – in the home

“I see a chair. Does ‘Ashley’ see the chair?”

“I can touch my nose. Can ‘Brett’ touch his nose?”

When putting unsafe products, like cleaning supplies away say, “I CAN stay safe from poison. Can you stay safe from poison?”

Talk about poison being Yucky. Help children put **Mr. Yuk** stickers on poisonous products in home.

TWO – THREE YEAR OLDS

I SEE and I CAN – outside the home

In the grocery store, help child find poisonous products. When child can find 10 products, give a reward. Talk about putting **Mr. Yuk** sticker on it if the product was in your home.

THREE – FOUR YEAR OLDS

FOUR FORMS OF POISONS – (Solids, liquids, sprays, invisibles)

Help children find poisonous products in pictures that are in these forms.

EXAMPLES: Solids - Pills, Cleansers “Comet, Ajax”

Liquids - Drano, Oils

Sprays – Perfume, Furniture Polish

Invisibles – Car Exhaust

WATER GAMES – Liquids

Show how water flows, drips, squirts, pours, spills.

Make bubbles with a straw or egg beater.

Sprinkle in bubble bath and make bubbles

Drop in food coloring.

Add perfume.

Beat in flour and make runny paste.

DISCUSS: See – you can change how liquid looks and smells, but it’s still liquid. Some liquids can be poisons.

Always ask a grown-up first before you drink it.

TALK ABOUT SAME OR DIFFERENT

COLORS WITH MR. YUK

Cut out pictures from magazines to make color cards. Glue all greens together on one card, reds another, etc. Ask children to find all the green cards, etc. Children can make their own color Books by gluing precut pictures of one color onto a page. Children can name other items that have the color.

EXAMPLE: “Green” – trees, grass, lettuce and **Mr. Yuk**

TEACH SHAPES

Cut out various shapes from magazines.

Glue onto a page – one shape per page.

Children match shapes.

Children name other items that have the specified shape.

EXAMPLE: “circle” – ball, sun, sucker and “**Mr. Yuk**”

Mix up shape cards. Put down for example two circles and one triangle. Find the ones that are Same and Different.

SENSE OF SMELL

Spray shape cards with perfume, room freshener, drop of vanilla, etc.

Find the shapes that smell good.

Discuss how a shape might smell good, smell bad, or no smell at all, but it’s still a “circle” or whatever shape you are using. Poison is like that – it might smell good, bad, or no smell but it’s still poison.

MR. YUK PICTURES

Cut out variety of pictures – food, toys, plants, cleaners, soaps, etc.

Put 3 pictures on table. Ask child to put **Mr. Yuk** on the picture(s) he shouldn’t eat.

FIVE – SIX YEAR OLDS

HIDE AND SEEK POISON

(Play only with 1-2 children at a time for safety reasons)

Hide several harmful products around the room(s) in places where they should not be.

Child gets a point for every product she finds out of place and another point if she correctly puts product where it belongs.