

HANDOUT 2.2: Plant Safety

Safe plants

This is a list of some common indoor plants that are safe for growing around young children:

- african violet
- aluminum plant
- begonia
- Boston fern
- Coleus
- dracaena
- hen-and- chickens
- jade plant
- mother-in-law's tongue
- peperomia
- prayer plant
- rubber plant
- sensitive plant
- spider plant
- Swedish ivy
- wandering Jew
- wax plant
- weeping fig

Poisonous Plants

This is a partial list of dangerous indoor and outdoor plants:



autumn crocus	hyacinth	privet
azalea	hydrangea	rhododendron
baneberry	jasmine	rhubarb leaves
belladonna	larkspur	rosary pea
black cherry	laurel	rubber vine
black locust	lily-of-the-valley	sandbox tree
buckeye	lupine	tansy
caladium	mistletoe	thorn apple
castor bean	moonseed	tobacco
chinaberry	mountain laurel	tomato leaves
daffodil bulbs	mushrooms	tung oil tree
daphne	nightshade	water hemlock
delphinium	oleander	white snakeroot
dieffenbachia	poison hemlock	yellow jasmine
dumb cane	philodendron	yellow oleander
foxglove	poinsettia	yew
golden chain		

If you think a child may have swallowed any part of a poisonous plant, first remove any remaining pieces from the child's mouth. Then bring the child and a piece of the plant to the phone and call the National Poison Control Hotline at:

1-800-222-1222

For more information and pictures of many of the poisonous plants listed above, visit the Cornell University Poisonous Plants Information database at:

www.ansci.cornell.edu/plants/index.html