



The animals that share our lives and homes rely on us for protection. Many common household products such as cleaners and pesticides could hurt a pet if not used and stored correctly. Keep all products out of the reach of pets. EPA encourages consumers to consider using EPA-registered biopesticides and products with **EPA's Safer Choice label**, which are generally less harmful.

Keep Pets Safe with these Tips

✓ Read the Label First

Labels tell you:

- How to use a product safely and effectively.
- How to store the product safely.
- First aid instructions.
- Phone numbers to call for help or more information.

✓ Follow all Label Precautions

- Warnings and directions tell you how to use products safely and correctly. This helps keep you and your pets safe.
- Follow warnings to open windows, wear gloves, and not breathe product dust.
- Keep pets away from treated areas as directed on the label.



Know Where to Call for Help

- Many labels contain a phone number to call in an emergency.
- Have your local poison control center number and veterinarian's or local animal hospital number easily accessible.
- Have the product label with you when you call! The label provides those helping you with important information about the product.

✓ Keep Products in Original Containers

- It is very dangerous to put products in food and beverage containers.
- Containers without tight fitting lids can easily spill, allowing your pet access to the product.
- If you throw away the original container, you throw away important information needed in case of an emergency.
- If the label tells you to mix a product in another container, use all of the mixture. If you can't use all the mixture, label the new container for use in the future.

✓ Keep Pets Away from Products

- Don't spray or store cleaning or pesticide products near pet food or water dishes.
- Make sure animals can't get at bait products while they are in use.
- In the event of a spill, be sure to keep animals out of the area until it is cleaned up.
- Don't forget about wildlife. Spraying products on a windy day can carry the product into the water supply for wild animals.
- Make sure all household cleaning products and pesticides are stored out of reach for pets.

