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## How You Can Prevent Poisonings

Did you know that the California Poison Control System receives nearly 900 calls a day for cases concerning poisonings? And, did you know that nearly 51% of all those cases involve children five years and younger? This is a major problem and in this article, we want for you to learn how you can prevent many of these poisonings.

### How Do People Get Poisoned?

In the latest report from the American Association of Poison Control Systems, they give us the top twelve substance categories most frequently involved in human exposures:

1. Analgesics (pain killers) (11.73% of all calls)
2. Cosmetics/Personal Care Products (toothpaste, lotion, mouthwash, deodorant) (7.95%)
3. Cleaning Substances (soap, bleach, pine oil, laundry detergent, shampoo) (7.02%)
4. Sedatives/Hypnotics/Antipsychotics (6.13%)
5. Foreign Bodies (coins, silica gel, beads, batteries) (4.1%)
6. Antidepressants (3.92%)
7. Cardiovascular Drugs (3.74%)
8. Topical Preparations (for pain relief, acne, etc.) (3.74%)
9. Antihistamines (3.43%)
10. Pesticides (3.26%)
11. Cold and Cough Preparations (2.73%)
12. Alcohol (rubbing, drinking or wood alcohols) (2.71%)

### How Can You Prevent Poisonings?

#### Medicines:

- Use only child resistant covers
- Store them in locked cabinets
- Always return them to safe storage after use.
- Always measure the dose – don't guess.
- Don't ever tell kids that medicine is candy.
- Don't take medicine in front of kids because they often imitate adults.
- Always dispose of old, unused and expired medications properly.

#### Household Products:

- Select only products with child resistant covers.
- Store them in locked cabinets.
- Return products to safe storage after use.
- Don't store these products with your food.
- Always keep products in original containers. Don't ever put them in food or beverage containers.
- Don't ever turn your back on a child when a product is within reach.

#### Plants:

Did you know that all parts of azaleas and rhododendrons are poisonous? To protect yourself and children from these and other poisonous plants, you

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### 65 Years Ago On September 24<sup>th</sup>, 1945 . . .

Honda Motor Company was founded. Honda has been the largest manufacturer of motorcycles since 1959. Today, they are the largest manufacturer of internal combustion engines and produce over 14 million of them per year!

### Celebrating Arnold Palmer's Birthday!

*"The most rewarding things you do in life are often the ones that look like they cannot be done."*

Arnold Palmer, born September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1929

## Rave Reviews!

*"I found Termite Terry on Angie's List and it was a good find. This was an excellent experience! Everyone from the receptionist (Sassy) on the phone to the inspector (Ryan) to the tarp team . . . all great! Ryan was extremely knowledgeable and fun to work with. (The slightest issue: the special plastic bags for our food. Ryan underestimated how much food was packed in our pantry and cupboards, but when asked for more bags, Ryan was Johnny-on-the-spot to give us a lot more!).*

*The tarp-team guy who used the masking tape to make sure the windows were ajar (but not big enough for someone to crawl through) was a real professional and with that tape: a maestro of masking tape.*

*During the preparation time, I even had a question via email and got a call from the owner, Termite Terry himself. Very professional, very knowledgeable.*

*Of course, this was not the least expensive quote . . . but you get what you pay for, and I know for a fact that Termite Terry used a lot more Vikane than the last time we were tented (9 years ago by another company).*

*They were prompt, courteous, competent and professional. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**"*

Kirk Davis  
Huntington Beach

*"Just wanted to let you know your guy "DJ" did a great job. Very professional and a funny guy. When he was done, he noticed that I was rocking my baby to sleep so he came in very quiet and had me sign the papers.*

*I will be using Termite Terry from now on and am going to recommend you to anybody that ask and all that I know."*

Kirk Smith, production control manager  
Silverado Canyon

should always:

- Know the names of plants and which ones are poisonous.
- Keep all plants out of the reach of children.
- Teach your children not to put any parts of plants in their mouths.

### Food Poisoning:

To prevent food poisoning, take these steps:

- Clean all counters and cutting boards with hot soap and water before preparing food.
- Wash your hands with hot soap and water.
- Carefully wash all raw fruits and vegetables before preparing them.
- Check sealed containers before opening. If a seal has been broken or if the container is no longer vacuum sealed, don't use it.
- Check the expiration date on foods before preparation.
- Don't let drippings from raw meat, shellfish or eggs contaminate other foods.
- Refrigerate food promptly after meals.

### Pesticides:

- Always keep pesticides out of the reach of children.
- Always store them in a locked cabinet and away from food.
- Keep these products in their original containers. Don't ever put pesticides in a food or beverage container.
- Always read the product label before use and carefully follow all instructions.
- Never re-use empty pesticide containers. Always follow the label's instructions and dispose of empty containers properly.

These are easy to follow tips and we highly recommend you go through your home and look for any potential causes of poisonings. If you see a potential problem, you need to correct it immediately.

If you ever suspect a poisoning, **call the California Poison Control system at (800) 222-1222**. They can be reached at anytime and any place in

California. They have pharmacists, physicians, nurses and information providers on stand-by. Language interpreters are always available, too.

## Are You Eating Bugs and Don't Know It?

Do you like strawberry yogurt? Before you enjoy your next spoonful, you might want to read the label. Many companies are using the ingredient carmine in order to produce the pink color in their products.

Carmine is a dye which is extracted from the dried bodies of cochineal insects. This gives various products the pink color. The cochineal is a tiny, parasitic scale insect that is native to South America and Mexico. This insect lives on and feeds off of a certain type of cacti. It takes 40,000 of the little bugs to produce one pound of cochineal extract. Besides yogurt, carmine is used in candies, ice cream, beverages, drugs and cosmetics.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) is campaigning for yogurt companies to use berries instead of bugs for coloring purposes. The nonprofit group is concerned that yogurt manufacturers are cheating customers who might be expecting the named fruits to provide the color, and not unnamed bugs. They also allege that insect-based dyes could put some consumers at risk of serious allergic reactions.

The Food and Drug Administration requires carmine to be listed on the label. In the past, companies were able to obscure the presence of insect extracts by labeling them as "artificial color".

The CSPI has urged the FDA to go further and describe carmine as "insect-derived". This would make it easier for vegetarians, Jews who keep Kosher, or anyone else who might want to avoid eating insects.

## Two Year Old Attacked By A Coyote!

A two year-old girl was bitten and dragged by a coyote at a cemetery in Cypress.

The girl was standing about ten feet from her mother as the family was visiting a grave. The coyote bit her and then dragged her body toward some bushes. Her mother screamed, lunged and somehow managed to save her daughter's life.

Officials later shot and killed three coyotes at the cemetery. The girl was given a rabies shot and treated for a 2½ inch gash on her leg.

Within the span of a week, three Yorkshire terriers were reported to have been attacked by coyotes living in Laguna Beach. Officials found blood and fur left behind after the pets had been killed by the coyotes.

"It looked like the coyotes actually broke through a fence – or jumped over it and knocked it over when they did it – to come after the dogs," said Laguna Beach Police Captain Jason Kravetz.

Animal control officials in Laguna Beach say that coyotes are wandering closer to homes in the city.

"A lot of people are carrying whistles, walking canes or golf clubs as protection in case something like this happens and the animals become more aggressive," said John Thompson, an animal control officer.

Officials say in case of an encounter, you should treat them like mountain lions – make yourself big and scare them away. And, don't run or you may become a target.

In the city of Long Beach, pet owners were on alert because nearly a dozen cats were killed during the month, in and around the city.

Termite Terry wants to remind all pet owners to keep their pets indoors after dark and to remove all pet food or any other food that may be

attracting coyotes. He also suggests that you call your city officials and demand this problem be dealt with.

Termite Terry went on to say, "These coyotes are multiplying at a very rapid rate and if we don't do something about it soon, news stories like these may become an everyday occurrence."

## The President's Economic Stimulus

Our political leaders in still haven't come up with a plan to help our ailing economy. That is why President Termite Terry is promoting his own economic stimulus plan.

Here are just a few more of your fellow citizens who have benefited from the President's plan:

- Paul and Candice Pendergast of Huntington Beach referred us to Ed Smith of Huntington Beach.
- Bill and Caia Maglinao of Laguna Hills referred our service to Paul Swift of Laguna Hills.
- Joel Schneggerburger of Tustin referred our pest control service to Christine Rusich of Tustin (**Joel will get his next pest control service FREE!**).
- Tove Johnson of Long Beach referred us to Wrayanne DeMoss of Long Beach.

Everyone who participated will receive a **FREE \$50.00 Gas Card**. To stimulate your economy, all you have to do is refer us to your friends and neighbors. And, if they have us do a termite treatment, wood repairs or start up a regular pest control service, we'll send you a **FREE \$50 Gas Card, too!**

## National Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Month

One person in the U.S. is diagnosed with a blood cancer, such as leukemia or lymphoma, approximately every four minutes. The American Cancer Society estimates over 47,000 people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with leukemia and over 22,000 will die from this disease in 2013. For lymphoma, they predict over 79,000 new cases this year and that over 21,000 deaths will occur.

Leukemia, Hodgkin lymphoma and non-Hodgkin lymphoma are types of cancer that can affect the bone marrow, the blood cells, the lymph nodes and other parts of the lymphatic system.

Dramatic improvements in blood cancer treatments began during the latter parts of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and are largely the result of chemotherapy. New drugs, along with new uses for established drugs, have greatly improved rates of blood cancer cure and remission. Others, living with some types and stages of cancer, may also benefit from treatment with radiation.

Leukemia is the most common cancer among children. Acute lymphatic leukemia accounts for about 75% of all childhood leukemias.

Unfortunately, most cases of leukemia and lymphoma cannot be prevented. The causes of these diseases have not been identified. That is why we need to continue doing research and provide the necessary funding to do so.

You can do your part by encouraging our political leaders to provide funding for research programs. You can also help out by making a donation to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or to the American Cancer Society.



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## California Seeks \$1 Billion Settlement For Lead Paint

A trial is now underway in San Jose where ten public agencies are seeking a settlement of one billion dollars. The lawsuit seeks to force lead paint manufacturers to inspect more than three million California homes, and to remove any lead paint hazards that are discovered.

A ruling for the plaintiffs in California could do serious damage to the state's real estate market because even well maintained homes, with lead based paint, can be declared as a public nuisance under the law.

"By putting the "public nuisance" label on all homes built before 1978, they're affecting hundreds of thousands of homes in Los Angeles County," said Warren Rohn, executive director of the Los Angeles County Board of Realtors. He went on to say, "To satisfy the inspection and abatement processes will cost thousands of dollars. Prospects for these homes will be turned off. Insurance, mortgages and property values will all be affected. It'll be a nightmare."

On April 22, 2010, new Federal EPA regulations went into effect. Firms working on homes built before 1978 must now be certified and use lead-safe practices during renovations, repairs and painting.

If the plaintiffs win their case, it will be especially bad news for owners with older homes because homes built before 1950 are the most likely to have lead paint. The good news is, according to the EPA Certified Lead Inspectors that we work with, 95% of all homes tested in Orange County have no lead paint.

At Termite Terry Pest Control, we always recommend that any home built before 1978 be tested prior to doing renovations, repairs or painting. After your home is tested, you need to keep your lead paint test results. Once tested, you'll never have to have your home tested again. Also, when you sell your home, use these test results so you can market your home as "lead free". Please, don't let your home be declared as a public nuisance!



"Termite" Terry Singleton