

Even Plants Can Be Poisonous

Learn the names of your plants and label them. Below is a list of some of the more common indoor and outdoor plants that you may have in your home. This list is not a complete list. If you have a plant around your home that is not on the list, you may call the Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222 to find out how poisonous it may be. You must know either the common name or the botanical name in order for the Poison Center to determine if it is poisonous. It is not possible to do plant or berry identifications over the phone, so check with a nursery for identification of all unknown plants. Carefully supervise children playing near poisonous plants. Call 1-800-222-1222 immediately if a child samples a mushroom or possibly poisonous plant.

Non-Poisonous Plants

Common Name	Botanical Name
African violet	<i>Saintpaulia ionantha</i>
Begonia	<i>Begonia</i>
Christmas cactus	<i>Schlumbergera bridgesii</i>
Coleus	<i>Coleus</i>
Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>
Dracaena	<i>Dracaena</i>
Forsythia	<i>Forsythia</i>
Impatiens	<i>Impatiens</i>
Jade	<i>Crassula argentea</i>
Marigold Calendula	<i>Tagetes</i>
Petunia	<i>Petunia</i>
Poinsettia	<i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i> (may cause irritation only)
Rose	<i>Rosa</i>
Spider plant	<i>Chlorophytum comosum</i>
Swedish ivy	<i>Plectranthus australis</i>
Wandering Jew	<i>Tradescantia fluminensis</i>
Wild strawberry	<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>

Poisonous Plants

Common Name	Botanical Name
Azalea, rhododendron	<i>Rhododendron</i>
Caladium	<i>Caladium</i>
Castor bean	<i>Ricinis communis</i>
Daffodil	<i>Narcissus</i>
Deadly nightshade	<i>Atropa belladonna</i>
Dumbcane	<i>Dieffenbachia</i>
Elephant Ear	<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>
Foxglove	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>
Fruit pits and seeds	contain cyanogenic glycosides
Holly	<i>Ilex</i>
Iris	<i>Iris</i>
Jerusalem cherry	<i>Solanum pseudocapsicum</i>
Jimson weed	<i>Datura stramonium</i>
Lantana	<i>Lantana camara</i>
Lily-of-the-valley	<i>Convalleria majalis</i>
Mayapple	<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>
Mistletoe	<i>Viscum album</i>
Morning glory	<i>Ipomoea</i>
Mountain laurel	<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>
Nightshade	<i>Solanum spp.</i>
Oleander	<i>Nerium oleander</i>
Peace lily	<i>Spathiphyllum</i>
Philodendron	<i>Philodendron</i>
Pokeweed	<i>Phytolacca americana</i>
Pothos	<i>Epipremnum aureum</i>
Yew	<i>Taxus</i>

Source: National Capital Poison Center (www.poison.org). Photos of selected plants in this appendix are available at <http://www.poison.org/prevent/plants.asp>.