



# Health and Wellness Tip of the Week - Week 10

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## Monthly Topic

National Poison Prevention Week is in March so it's a great time to provide poison prevention tips to your employees

## Prevent Poisoning

After car crashes, drug overdoses are the nation's second leading cause of unintentional death. This problem has gone up five-fold since 1990 with a large rise in adult fatal poisonings. Here are a few prevention tips:

- Always follow your doctor's orders.
- Don't take medicine that belongs to someone else.
- Use child-resistant caps.
- Throw away any left-over or out-of-date medicine.

Prescription painkiller overdose has become a national epidemic. If you or someone you know needs help for substance abuse problems, call **800-662-HELP**, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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A photograph showing a young child's face as they look down at a white surface where several prescription medicine bottles and capsules are scattered. The child appears to be reaching for one of the pills.

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