

Poisons

FACT	REFERENCE
1. A serious poisoning injury can cause permanent brain and organ damage in a child, affecting them for the rest of their life.	1. Safekids Aotearoa, Position Paper: Child Poisoning Prevention. Auckland, Safekids Aotearoa, 2015.
2. Around 1 child dies from poisoning every year. About 4 children are hospitalised from poisoning every week.	2. Unpublished Child Injury Data. Injury Prevention Research Unit. Dunedin. University of Otago. Accessed in May 2020.
3. Top 10 substances reported to National Poisons Centre	3. Unpublished National Poisons Centre data. Accessed March 2020
4. The Causes: 67% from medicine 18% from chemicals 12% from drugs & narcotics 2% from alcohol 1% other / unknown	4. Refer to 3.
5. 80% of poisoning happens in the home environment	5. Refer to 2.
6. How are children exposed? 89% swallowing; 5.9% skin contact; 2.7% eye contact; 1.8% inhalation	6. Refer to 4.
7. S.A.F.E. Tips	7. Refer to 1.