Where do children find opioids and other medication?²

- 8% Reachable cabinets or refrigerators
- 23% Pill boxes
- 23% On the ground
- 19% Purses or diaper bags
- 18% On counters

95% of medication-related visits to an emergency department among children under 5 and under are due to a child getting into medicine when an adult was not looking; 5% are due to dosing errors.²

What can families do to protect children?¹,²

1. Look around the places where kids find medicine and move all medicine up and away, out of sight. Remind visitors, family, babysitters, and houseguests to keep purses and bags that might contain medicine up and away.

2. Check for all products that may cause harm, even those you might not think about as medicine (eye drops, cough drops).

3. Put medicines and vitamins away after each use and secure them out of sight.

4. Use the dosing device that comes with the medicine, and make sure the safety cap is locked.

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