Plants can be DANGEROUS to Kids

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Learning the truth about certain plants can actually save the life of your child. Too many children are poisoned each year because people don’t know or believe that common plants can be dangerous. Often, plants have “disguised” defenses that protect them. Everyone knows about poison ivy but no one knows about Lantana (see reverse side of this page). Plants can give a rash or a cut. They can jab with thorns or thistles.

On a more serious note, some plants are poisonous. A small child will often put anything in their mouth. The risk is common with house plants, yard plants and surprisingly, even garden plants.

WEBSITES

If you are responsible for a child you should visit one of many websites that will inform you which plants to be wary of. Make a note of them here for quick reference:

http://www.fpicjax.org/plants.asp

This is a serious issue that needs to be taken careful note of.

You can learn this important skill.

TAKE PRECAUTIONS

Be aware of the dangers of your plants. Remove, relocate them temporarily, or if necessary, permanently. Other options include barriers for the child or re-landscaping your lot with safety in mind.

The life of a child is not worth the danger from a specially “loved plant”.

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Examples of Plants known to be toxic to Children

- Castor Bean
- Oleander
- Black-eyed Susan
- Pothos

- Jimson Weed
- Cherry Tree
- Black Nightshade
- Lantana

- Sicklepod
- Coonties
- Crotalaria
- Cherry Laurel

- Golden Raintree
- Chinaberry
- Jack in the Pulpit

- Tomato
- Begonia
- Yellow Jasmine