



Tips for Parents

Out of Sight & Locked Up Tight

- **Use child-resistant caps for added security.** In addition to storing medication in a locked cabinet or closet, purchase medication containers with child-resistant caps whenever possible.
- **Don't rely on child-resistant packaging alone.** Bear in mind that child resistant doesn't mean childproof. A determined child may find a way to open even the most secure bottle caps.
- **Keep medication in its original container.** Don't switch containers for pills and liquids, or use medication if the container doesn't have a label or the label isn't legible.
- **Take medication with you if you're called away.** Don't leave the container behind where your child could get a hold of it.
- **Replace lids and return medication to its storage place.** Never leave medication out in the open unattended - even for a minute.
- **Do not refer to medication as candy.** Getting your child to take their medication by making them think it's candy can be very dangerous because most children will seek out candy. Call it by its proper name.
- **Be careful of purses and bags.** Keep purses, overnight bags and suitcases out of your child's reach, as these may contain medication.
- **Unpack medication from grocery bags first.** A bottle of coated pills can look like candy to a young child. Remove medication from grocery bags and store it safely in case your child starts investigating the bags.