Tell your doctor or pharmacist about any medication allergies or side effects you have had in the past or are having now.

Medicine name and strength:

Rx number:

Purpose:

**Directions:** 

Medicine name and strength:

Rx number:

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Review your medications each year with your doctor or pharmacist.

Medicine name and strength:

Rx number:

Purpose:

**Directions:** 

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Purpose:

**Directions:** 

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## FIRST AID FOR MEDICATION POISONING

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place.

Has someone collapsed or stopped breathing? Call 911 right away.

Is someone having side effects from taking medicine?

Call 1-800-222-1222.

Did someone take the wrong medicine? Call 1-800-222-1222.

Did someone take too much medicine? Call 1-800-222-1222.

Did someone miss a dose of medicine? Call 1-800-222-1222.



Call or chat with NC Poison Control any time day or night to get help from a nurse or pharmacist.

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# **Medication Safety for Older Adults**

Includes a helpful tear-off medication list and advice for taking medications safely





North Carolina Poison Control 1-800-222-1222 When taking medications, sometimes accidents can happen. Here are steps that can help prevent a medication mishap.

#### Take your medications as directed.

- Follow the directions on the label.
   Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before stopping or starting any medication.
- Ask about taking over-the-counter medications, herbal remedies, and supplements as well.

#### Keep medications organized.

- Take your medications at the same time every day if possible.
- Keep a list of your medications by using the tear-off list in this brochure.

#### Take only your own medications.

- Store other family members' medications in a different place to avoid a mix-up.
- Make sure the light is on when taking medications, so you can see what you are taking.

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### Asking questions helps prevent medication mishaps.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist about the medications you are prescribed, so you can know how to take your medications safely.

#### Questions to ask:

What is this medication for?

How do I take this medication?

What can I expect from this medication?

How long do I need to take this medication?

Are there any medications I should stop taking?

It is important to tell all your doctors about all the medications you are taking. Use one pharmacy, if possible, to fill your prescriptions.





#### **Medicine Safety and Children**

Children are curious and like to mimic adults. If children are nearby or visiting, practice these steps to prevent a medication mishap with a child:

- Store medicines out of sight and out of children's reach.
- Keep purses with pillboxes or medication bottles up and out of children's reach.
- Don't take medications in front of children.

Call NC Poison Control right away if a child gets into someone else's medication.

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Patient's Name

Medicine name and strength:

Rx number:

Purpose:

**Directions:** 

Medicine name and strength:

Rx number:

Purpose:

**Directions:** 

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's name and phone number:

Pharmacy name and phone number:

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