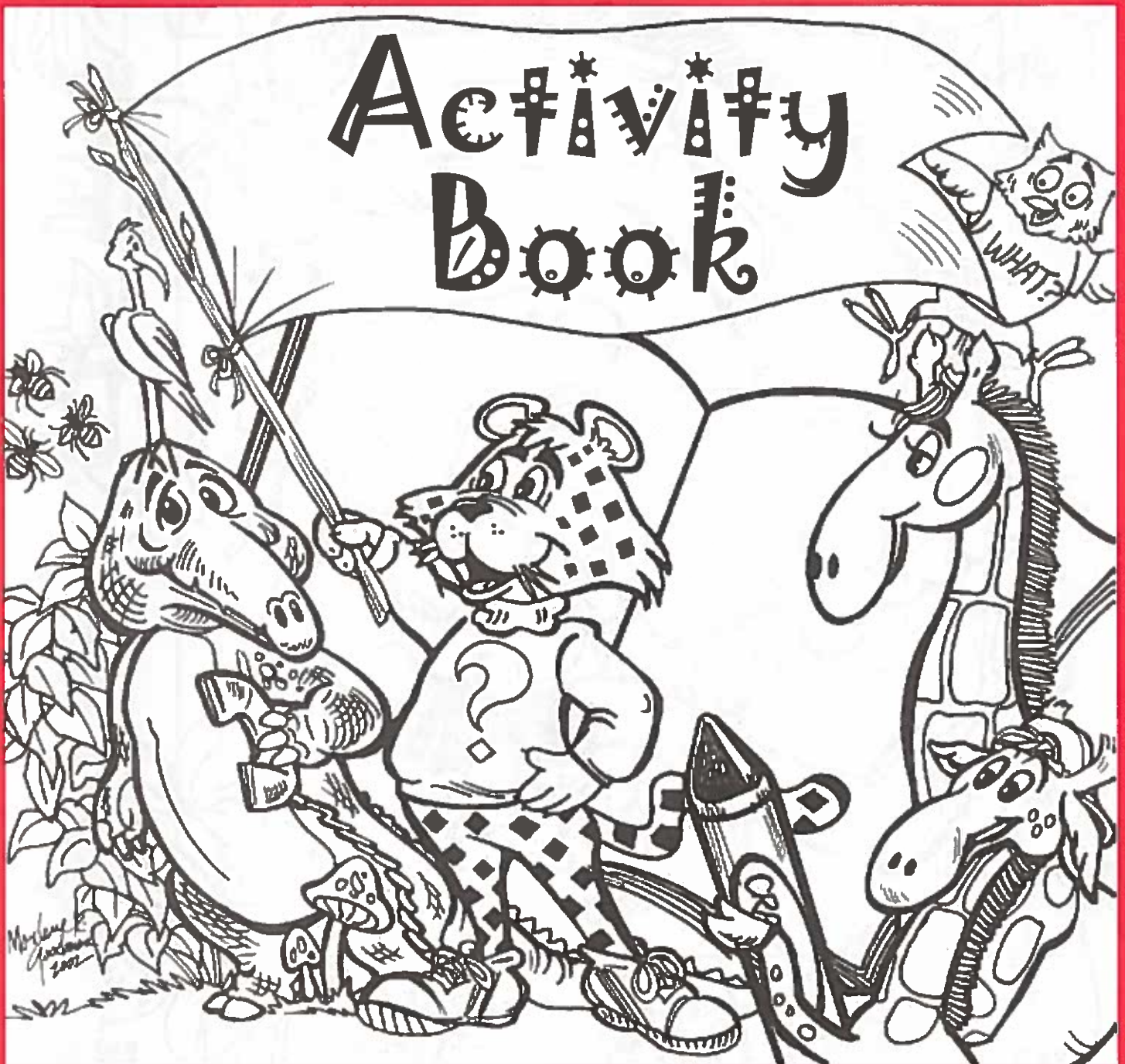




Carolinas Poison Center

# Poison Prevention



Call 1-800-222-1222

## Protect Your Family From Poisons!

Poison prevention and education is a job for the entire family. Inside this activity book you'll find fun educational games, along with safety tips on how to be "poison smart." We encourage you to make this activity book an active learning process for the whole family. Below are several tips on poison prevention. Your poison center encourages your family to take the necessary steps to help make your home safer from poisons.

There is one nationwide, toll-free poison center number, 1-800-222-1222, that will automatically connect you with your designated local poison center, from anywhere in the U. S. All calls will be routed to your poison center. **If you suspect a poisoning, don't wait for symptoms to appear - call 1-800-222-1222 immediately.**

### Did You Know?

Anyone can call the poison center toll-free, 24 hours a day, for free, confidential advice on questions related to household products, food poisoning, bites, stings, medicine interactions, overdoses, alcohol or drug misuse, inhaling gases or fumes (intentionally or accidentally), exposure to insecticides, hazardous material incidents and more.

Poisoning is one of the leading causes of health emergencies for children in the United States. In fact, 53 percent of poisoning cases reported to poison centers involve children under the age of 6. Everyday items - such as household cleaners, pain medicines, and health and beauty products - are the most common sources of poisonings. Nearly four out of five poisoning cases can be safely treated over the phone with assistance from local poison control experts, avoiding a visit to the hospital emergency department or a doctor's office.

### How Safe Is Your Home?

Poisons are found all around us - in our homes, garages, backyards and purses. Most poisonings are accidental and can be prevented. Follow these poison prevention tips to make your home a safer place:

- Make sure all potential poisons are properly stored up high and out of the reach of small children.
- Use child-resistant safety locks on cabinets.
- Keep medicines and household products in their original containers with original labels.
- Always read labels before using medicine, cleaners and other products.

### Call for Poison Prevention Information

For a free magnet, telephone stickers and other poison-prevention information, contact your poison center at 1-800-222-1222.



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