

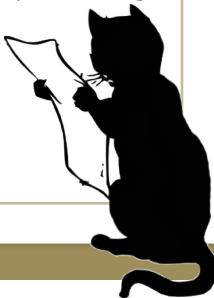
# Cat Safety



Please keep your cat safe  
by knowing of these  
potential health hazards

## Hazardous foods And Beverages

- Chocolate (very toxic)
- Alcoholic beverages, Coffee and tea, any kind of caffeine
- Garlic, Onions, Raisins, Avocado
- Products containing Xylitol (a Sweetener in gum, candy and toothpaste)
- Meat with string attached
- Cooked bones (can splinter and cause internal damage)
- Macadamia nuts, yeast dough and milk (dairy products hard on stomach)



## Household Hazards

- Electrical cords- Tape to base boards or put in PVC pipe to avoid cord being chewed
- Mini blinds or curtain cords (can cause strangulation)
- Very tall cat trees (attach firmly to wall or ceiling and use padding or carpet underneath)
- Railings and balconies (cats can jump off and cause injury)
- Unsupervised burning candles
- Loose screens and open doors (remind family and guests to close doors to prevent pets from escaping. Always look before you close doors curious kittens have been injured by being caught in doors)
- String, thread, ribbon, yarn, dental floss etc. if eaten can cause life threatening intestinal issues (if ingested DO NOT pull out, consult your vet)

## Hazardous Plants

- Lilies (VERY TOXIC can cause death or kidney failure)
- Azalea/ Rhododendron

- Sago Palm
- Kalanchoe
- English Ivy
- Chrysanthemum
- Schefflera



## Toxic Chemicals and Medications

- Pain Killers
- Cold medicines
- Antidepressants
- Vitamins
- Diet Pills
- Cleaning products and room fresheners ( keep locked up or use child and pet friendly products)
- Antifreeze
- Liquid Potpourri/ Scented oil and burners
- Rat and mouse poisons
- Ant killers (the sweet smell and taste to attract ants and will also attract your cat)
- Bleaches, detergents, disinfectants, paint thinners and drain cleaners
- Caulking products
- Some cats are attracted to ammonia in floor cleaners or bleach, and may lick recently cleaned floors or paws after walking on them

## Choking Hazards

- Sewing needles and pins, buttons
- Styrofoam, packing peanuts
- Staples, paper clips, thumb tacks
- Rubber bands and elastic ponytail holders
- Pencils with erasers and tooth picks (can splinter if chewed)
- Children's small toys, like Legos
- Bread wire twist ties, plastic bread bag fasteners
- Milk jug rings and bottle caps
- Plastic or cellophane bag, and any bag with a handle (suffocation or strangulation hazard)

## Kitchen, Bath, And Laundry

- Cupboards (many products stored in them can be hazardous)
- Hot stove burners and easy turn oven knobs (cats can accidentally turn these on)
- Refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers and ovens keep doors closed kittens will climb in

- Saran wrap, aluminum foil and cling wrap
- Garbage cans keep covered and out of reach
- Toilets with lid left up and bath tubs full of water can lead to drowning and treated toilet water is toxic
- Washer and dryer always check before closing doors
- Dirty clothes baskets, dirty socks can cause obstructions in the digestive system

## Other

- Balloons, ribbons, tinsel (if ingested DO NOT pull out, consult vet)
- Christmas tree water
- Holiday lights
- Paper shredder
- Cover holes in your walls or baseboards to prevent your cat climbing through
- Reclining chairs sleeping cats can get caught underneath

Any space, in which your cat can become trapped, especially if the air supply can be cut off.

Unsafe cat toys- stuffed toys with filling ripped out or toys with small or removable parts (bells, plastic, beads for eyes, string or yarn can be broken off and swallowed) As a golden rule no toys smaller than a ping pong ball to avoid choking.

Small children, teach kids how to properly handle and pick up pets (be sure your cat has a place to escape for time out should they need and be sure your child knows this spot is out of bounds)

## Know the Signs of Poisoning

### Gastrointestinal Signs

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Drooling or Hyper-salivating
- No appetite
- Nausea

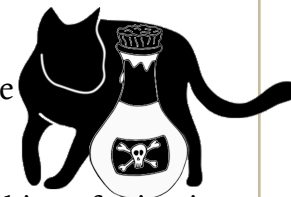
### Internal Bleeding

- Coughing of blood
- Vomiting blood
- Pale Gums
- Racing heart rate

- Weakness or Lethargy
- Collapsing

### Kidney Failure

- Halitosis
- No appetite
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Excessive thirst or urination
- Absence of decreased urination



### Liver Failure

- Discoloration of the gums
- Weakness or collapse after low blood sugar
- Acting abnormally
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Black tar like stool

## For more Information

[www.petfinder.com/cats/bringing-a-cat-home/](http://www.petfinder.com/cats/bringing-a-cat-home/)

[www.cat-world.com.au/cat-safety](http://www.cat-world.com.au/cat-safety)

<http://www.safecatfoundation.org>

[www.petpoisonhelpline.com/poisons/](http://www.petpoisonhelpline.com/poisons/)

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