

Houseplants that are Safe for Kids & Pets

Violets (*Streptocarpus* sect. *Saintpaulia*)

Air Plants (*Tillandsias*)

Calatheas (including prayer plants)

Christmas Cactus (*zygo cactus*)

True Ferns (be careful of plants with “fern” in their name that are not true ferns, such as the asparagus fern. We recommend Google searching a specific fern if you are unsure.)

Hoyas Lipstick Plant (*Aeschynanthus*)

Mimosa Sensitive Plant Nerve Plant (*Fittonia*)

True Palms (be careful of plants with “palm” in their name that are not true palms, such as the sago palm. We recommend Google searching a specific palm if you are unsure.)

Ponytail Palm (*Beaucarnea recurvata*)

Peperomias Piggyback Plant (*Tolmiea menziesii*)

Pileas Pitcher Plant (*Nepenthes*)

Phalaenopsis Orchids

Polka Dot Plant (*Hypoestes*)

Selaginella Moss Spider Plant (*Chlorophytum comosum*)

Venus Fly Traps (*Dionaea muscipula*)

Zebra Plant (*Aphelandra*)



Houseplants that NOT are Safe for Kids & Pets

It is important that people know what plants they have in their household that could be potentially harmful if ingested by kids or pets. It is also important to know that many plants need to be consumed in large quantities to be harmful - what may NOT affect your 60 pound dog will certainly affect your 8 pounder. Poisonous plants often taste bitter or acrid and children or pets are not likely to ingest enough to be harmful, but it is always better to be on the safe side. If you suspect your child or pet has ingested a plant you are not sure about, call your family doctor or your veterinarian immediately.

The number for the National Poison Center is (800)222-1222. They can tell you if a plant is poisonous, but it is important to learn the identity of your plants in your home, because it is the first question you will be asked.

Aloe Vera
Amaryllis
Anthurium
Arrowhead vine (*nephyritis*)
Asparagus Fern
Azalea
Caladium
Calla Lily
Chinese Evergreen
Chrysanthemum
Clivia
Coleus
Daffodil or paperwhite
Desert Rose
Dracaena
Dumb Cane
Elephants Ear
Ficus (Weeping Fig, Fiddle Leaf Fig)
Geranium (many varieties)
Hydrangea
Ivy
Jade Plant
Fishtail Palm
Gardenia
Holly Berries
Hyacinth
Mistletoe
Snake plant (*Sansevieria*)
Philodendron
Pothos
Indian Rubber Plant
Sago Palm
Umbrella Tree (*Schefflera*)
Peace Lily (*Spathiphyllum*)
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