



“Be Smart, Keep Kids and Poisons Apart” Easter Hazards

Easter Plants

- Easter Lily: Poisonous to cats; keep away from your pets!
- Lily of the Valley: Can cause heart problems if enough is eaten.
- Tulips and other bulb spring flowers: The bulbs can be irritating to your skin; if eaten, can cause stomach upset.

Easter Egg Dye

- Most Easter egg dye contains baking soda (bicarbonate of soda). Supervise kids while decorating. Small amounts if eaten aren't a problem. Large amounts eaten may result in a trip to the emergency room.

Easter Grass

- Keep the pretty plastic Easter grass away from pets. They may choke and need surgery to remove the grass from their stomachs.

Eggs

- Raw eggs may carry bacteria. Cook eggs fully before decorating. If you touch the liquid inside a raw egg, be sure to wash your hands with soap and water.
- Hard-boiled eggs are cooked food and should not be out of the refrigerator for more than 2 hours. Refrigerate colored eggs.

Chocolate

- Chocolate can cause nausea, vomiting, convulsions and heart problems in both cats and dogs.

Food Poisoning

- Food kept at room temperature for 2 hours or longer could cause food poisoning.
- Symptoms of poisoning include: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, weakness, chills and fever and can begin 1-8 hours after eating “toxic” food.

If you suspect a poisoning, call the **Rocky Mountain Poison Center** anytime day or night at **1-800-222-1222**.

