

# The Facts about Kids and Medication Safety

Every parent knows it's important to store medicine up and away from children, but every year more than

**500,000 parents**

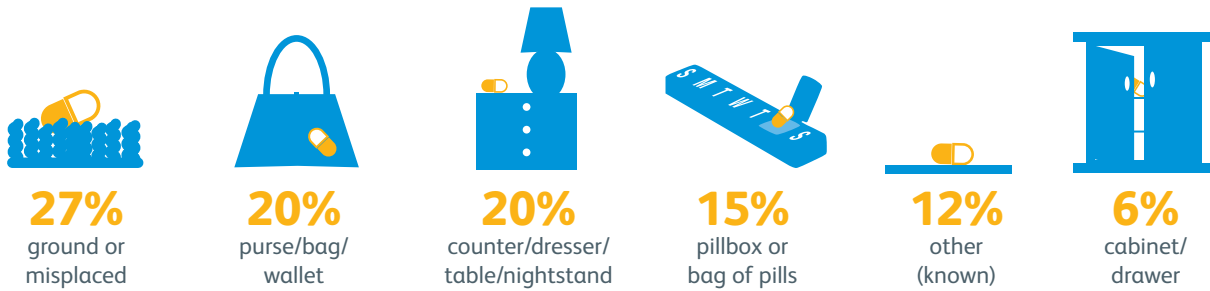
and caregivers call a poison control center because a child got into medicine or because they were given the wrong dose of medicine. That's one call every minute of every day.



In 2011, more than **67,000 kids** were treated in an emergency room for medicine poisoning. That's one child every 8 minutes.

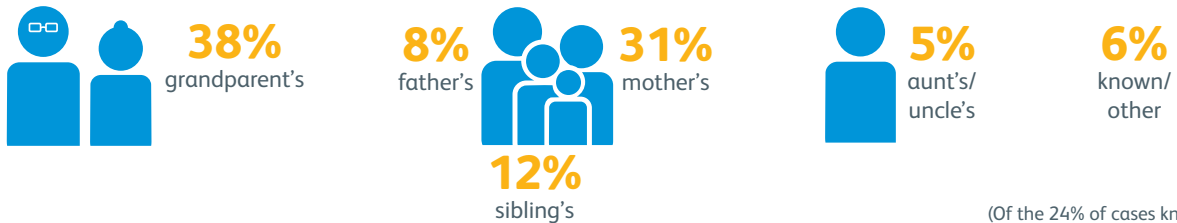


Where are children finding medicine?



(2011 emergency room visits; of the 14% of cases known.)

**86%** of emergency room visits for medicine poisoning were due to the child getting into adult medicine.



(Of the 24% of cases known.)

Put your medicines up and away every time you use them and put the poison control center number in your phone:

**1-800-222-1222**

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