

# Warm Weather Warning Tips

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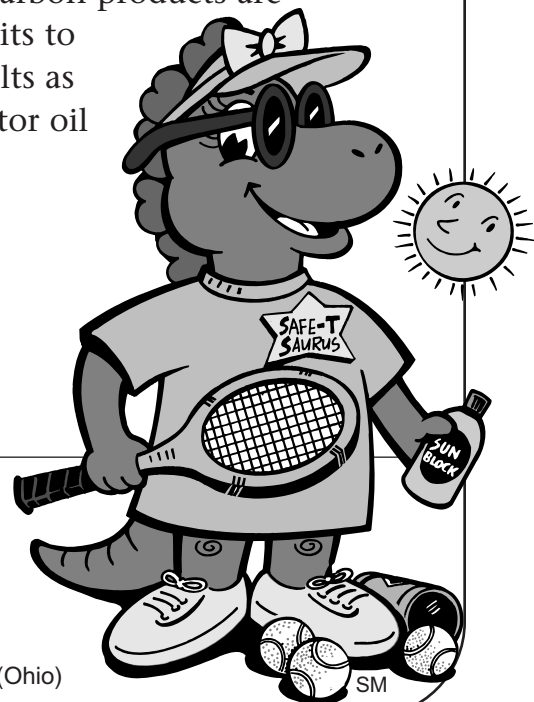
Beginning with warm weather's first breezes and continuing until cold weather again forces them back inside, most children are like Tom Sawyer-spending as much time as they can out of doors. Help make these times ones of fond memories rather than the source of painful experiences.

**Lawn Care Products:** Chemical pesticides, fertilizers, and other lawn care products are very toxic. They require extreme caution while they are being used and when decisions are made about their storage and their disposal. Use gloves while applying. Keep these products stored in their original containers and store in a place off limits to children and know their active ingredients.

**Plants:** Many outdoor and indoor plants are poisonous. Children are attracted to plants by their colorful flowers and berries, which can be toxic. Identify the plants, bushes, and flowers in your yard and inside your home. Consider mushrooms found in one's yard to be toxic. Teach children not to put plants, plant parts, berries or mushrooms in their mouth.

**Spring Cleaning:** When storing winter woolens, be aware that those mothballs are poisonous. Keep them out of the reach of children. Keep an eye on children when using household cleaners.

**Petroleum Products-gasoline, kerosene, and charcoal lighter fluid.** Used in lawn mowers, and to start fires for outdoor cookouts, these hydrocarbon products are extremely toxic. Keep these products stored in a place off limits to children. Never store non-food items in food containers. Adults as well as children have been poisoned drinking gasoline or motor oil from a bottle they thought contained soda.



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