Common household items that are toxic to cats & Dogs



Cats. & Dogs are naturally curious and this instinct can lead them into dangerous situations. Learn which common household items are toxic to cats, and read our tips for animal-proofing your home against accidental poisoning.

If you suspect your animal ate something toxic, contact a vet immediately

Food & Beverages

- Onions, garlic, shallots & chives
- Chocolate
- Grapes & raisins
- Alcoholic beverages
- Caffeine (energy drinks, coffee, soda)
- Walnuts and macadamias
- Salty snacks



Medications & Supplements

- Cold medicine & cough drops
- Allergy medicine
- Digestive/Nausea medication
- Antidepressants
- Antacids
- Ibuprofen
- Anti-inflammatory and pain medications
- Prescription creams/ointments
- Nicotine patches/gum



Toiletries & Beauty Products

- Body wash & shower gels
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Sunscreen
- Mosquito repellent
- Toothpaste and mouthwash
- Makeup
- Hand sanitizers
- Deodorants/antiperspirants
- Nail polish/glue/remover



Household Cleaning Products

- All-purpose cleaning sprays
- Disposable cleaning wipes
- Toilet cleaner
- Glass cleaner
- Oven cleaner
- Floor cleaner
- Car cleaning products
- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent
- Fabric softeners (liquid or sheets)
- Air fresheners & potpourri
- Pest control products (baits/poison for ants, mice, etc)



Household Items & Kids' Toys

- Mothballs
- Essential oils
- Batteries
- Play-Doh
- Slime
- Kids' toys with small or breakable parts
- Paper bags, rubber bands, paper clips
- String, yarn, ribbons



Tips for your Home

- Re-home toxic plants
- Install safety latches on cabinets & drawers
- Get rubbish bins with a tight lid, or keep them in a cupboard with a latch
- Keep toxic items in a closet & always close the door