A poison is something that makes a child very sick if they eat it or drink it
KEY MESSAGE
A poison is something that makes a child very sick if they eat it or drink it

Getting started
- Can you tell me what a poison is?
- Have you seen this symbol before?

Activities
- Discuss what a poison is
- Discuss the symbol’s meaning
- Find a product with this symbol on it

Did you know?
- The majority of poisonings occur in children aged 1-2 years
All of these things can poison a child
KEY MESSAGE
A wide range of products are poisons and can harm a child

Getting started
■ Did you know all of these things are poisonous?
■ Where in your house could you find these items?

Activities
■ Discuss different types of products pictured
■ Look around the kitchen to see what poisons can be found
■ Look for poisons in other parts of the house; laundry, bathroom, bedrooms, lounge and shed
■ Think of some poisonous things that are not shown on the card

Did you know?
■ 90% of poisonings in children under five years occur in the home

Links to cards 4 & 5
When I buy a poison it must have a child safe cap
KEY MESSAGE
It is important to buy poisons that have a child safe cap. Child safe caps are **not child proof**. Poisons still need to be stored safely.

Getting started
■ Do you have any poisons with a child safe cap?
■ Can you show me how the child safe cap works?

Activities
■ Show different examples of child safe caps
■ Practice putting caps on and taking them off

Did you know?
■ 30% of poisonings are caused by chemicals

Links to cards
**2 & 4**
Store poisons up high and locked away
KEY MESSAGE
Poisons must be stored up high (at least 1.5m) and locked away

Getting started
■ Where do you keep your poisonous things?
■ Are all of your poisonous things up high and locked away?

Activities
■ Assist identification of a safe storage place for poisons
■ Look at different locks to see which work the best

Did you know?
■ 25% of poisonings involve a child climbing to reach the poison

Links to cards 7 & 9
Keep poisons in the bottles they came in from the shop
KEY MESSAGE
Keep poisons in their original container

Getting started
■ Why do people store poisons in different containers?
■ Why is this dangerous for children?

Activities
■ Discuss – children have become very sick when they have drank poisons stored in drink bottles because they have thought they were fizzy drinks
■ Check the home to see if there are any poisons not stored in the original container

Did you know?
■ If a child is poisoned by a chemical which is not stored in its original container, medical treatment can be delayed until the poison is identified