

Creating Displays

Look-A-Like Display

Description: A look-a-like display is a variety of poisonous items that look almost identical to non-poisonous items. The purpose of a look-a-like display is to show parents and children how easily a poison can be mistaken for something good to eat or drink.

Materials:

Look-a-like examples:

Powdered cleanser and Grated Parmesan Cheese
Grape cough syrup and Grape juice
Cherry cough syrup and Fruit punch
Pine cleaner and Apple juice
Orange colored drink and Orange colored cough syrup
Eye drops and Super glue
Water and Rubbing alcohol
Muscle cream and Toothpaste
Blue glass cleaner and blue sports drink

***NOTE: The above items were chosen for illustrative purposes only. The Arizona Poison Centers do not intend to imply that these items are dangerous if used as directed.*

Preparation:

Gather pairs of poisonous and non-poisonous items and display them on a table in closed containers, never display in a cup (where it may be easy for a child to get to).

***NOTE: To find additional pairs simply go to a grocery store and walk through the cleaner, medicine and juice/sports drink aisles. You will be amazed at the large number of look-a-likes that can be found!*

Instruction:

Show audience the look-a-like pairs and discuss them.