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## POISONOUS FLOWERS AND PLANTS COMMONLY FOUND IN OR AROUND HOMES

Autumn Crocus Bulbs cause vomiting and nervous excitement.

Azaleas All parts of the plant are fatal. Produces nausea, vomiting, depression, difficult breathing, prostration and coma.

Bleeding Heart Foliage may be poisonous in large amounts. Have proven fatal to cattle.

Baxwood Toxic

Buonymus All parts have irritant juices which may severely injure the digestive system.

Caladium Contains crystals of calcium oxalate. Ingestion of these crystals causes severe irritation of the mouth, copious salivation and swelling of the soft tissues of the oral cavity. The tongue may swell to the point where it becomes immobile; but more importantly, the soft tissues of the larynx and pharynx, when swollen, will interfere with swallowing and respiration and could produce death from suffocation.

Castor Bean Seeds are fatal. One or two castor bean seeds are near the lethal dose for adults.

Christmas Tree Not toxic by itself but may produce a badly upset stomach from the cat/dog that drinks the water from the holder or eats the needles.

Crown of Thorns Contains an irritant, sap, which upon ingestion, causes a severe inflammation of the mouth, throat and stomach.

Daffodil Bulbs cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea. May be fatal.

Daphne Toxic

Delphinium Common outdoor poisonous plant.

Dumb Cane(Dieffenbachia) Contains crystals of calcium oxalate. Ingestion of these crystals cause severe irritation of the mouth, copious salivation and swelling of the soft tissue of the oral cavity. The tongue may swell to the point where it becomes immobile; but more importantly, the soft tissues of the larynx and pharynx, when swollen will interfere with swallowing and respiration and could produce death from suffocation.

Dutchman's Breeches Foliage and roots may be poisonous in large amounts. Have proven fatal to cattle.

Elderberry All parts except berry. Children have been poisoned by using pieces of the pithy stems for blowguns. Nausea and digestive upset.

English Ivy The leaves and the berries contain toxins called saponic glycosides, which are usually not fatal but can cause serious intestinal upset and labored breathing.

Foxglove Leaves are one of the sources of the drug digitalis. In large amounts cause irregular heartbeat and pulse, digestive upset and mental confusion. May be fatal.

Golden Chain Bean-like capsules causes severe poisoning. Excitement, staggering, convulsions and coma. May be fatal.

Holly Both leaves and the berries contain a bitter substance which may produce gastrointestinal upset and stupor.

Hyacinth Bulbs cause nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. May be fatal.

Hydrangea Poisonous plant found in dried bouquets.

Iris Underground stems cause severe digestive upset but not usually serious.

Jack-in-the-pulpit All parts, especially roots contain small needle-like crystals of calcium oxalate that cause intense irritation and burning of the mouth and tongue.

Jerusalem Cherry Contains a dangerous toxic alkaloid. This substance is contained in the entire plant, but the red fruits are the most toxic. Ingestion of these alkaloids produce vomiting, diarrhea and central nervous system disorders which could lead to coma.

Larkspur Young plant and seeds cause digestive upset, nervous excitement, depression. May be fatal.

Lily of the Valley Leaves and flowers cause irregular heart beat and pulse, usually accompanied by digestive upset and mental confusion.

Mistletoe Berries are fatal. Both children and adults have died from eating berries.

Monkswood Common outdoor poisonous plant.

Mountain Contains toxic resinoids. Signs observed are salivation, vomiting, staggering gait, convulsions and difficulty in breathing.

Narcissus Bulbs cause diarrhea, nausea, vomiting. May be fatal.

Oleander Leaves and branches are extremely poisonous. Affects the heart, produces severe digestive upset and has caused death.

*Philodendron* Contains crystals of calcium oxalate. Ingestion of these crystals cause severe irritation of the mouth, copious salivation and swelling of the soft tissues of the oral cavity. The tongue may swell to the point where it becomes immobile; but more importantly, the soft tissues of the larynx and pharynx, when swollen will interfere with swallow-ing and respiration and could produce death from suffocation.

*Precatory Bean* Contains very dangerous compounds called phytoxins. These substances are concentrated in their colorful decorative seeds that are used in jewelry, dolls and other craftwork. The phytotoxins contained in these beans are among the most toxic compounds known and great care should be taken to keep them away from the cat/dog.

*Privet* Toxic hedge and shrubs.

*Rhododendron* Contains toxic resinoids. Signs observed in cases of this type of poisoning are salivation, vomiting, staggering gait, convulsions, and coma followed rapidly by death.

*Rhubarb* Leaf blade is fatal. Large amounts of raw or cooked leaves can cause convulsions, coma, followed rapidly by death.

*Sheep Laurel* Contains toxic resinoids. Signs observed in cases of this type of poisoning are salivation, vomiting, staggering gait, convulsions and difficulty in breathing.

*Snow-on-the-Mountain* Contains an irritant, sap, which upon ingestion, causes a severe inflammation of the mouth, throat and stomach.

*Spindle Tree* Poisonous plant found in dried bouquets.

*Wahoo* Poisonous plant found in dried bouquets.

*Wisteria* Common outdoor poisonous plant

*Yew* (*Taxus* species) Berries and foliage are fatal. Foliage more toxic than berries. Death is usually sudden without warning symptoms.