

Dog hazards to remove (or minimize) from the home

Take time to go through each item on this list carefully. Check off items as you ensure your home is safe from them. If you cannot remove an item, make sure it is inaccessible to the dog by blocking it with a door, gate or putting it up high.

Areas

- ☐ Areas of standing or stagnant water (puddles, rain barrels, runoff zones) especially areas with algae
- ☐ Broken or open areas of the fence including broken gates
- ☐ Compost areas, especially if mold is growing
- ☐ Fireplaces, firepits or grills where a dog could get burned or sick from eating the ashes
- ☐ Garage, unless supervised
- ☐ Garbage (bathroom, kitchen) – make sure it's in a cupboard or has a lid
- ☐ Other animal's food containers or food bowls (especially cats) and litterboxes
- ☐ Secure doors to the outside or to unsafe areas
- ☐ Storage areas, unless supervised
- ☐ Swimming pools and hot tub areas, unless supervised
- ☐ Tall balconies that don't have railings or railings spaced too far apart

Areas of the home that need to change:

Objects

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| ☐ Batteries | ☐ Glass | ☐ Small balls with smooth coating (kids/cats toys) |
| ☐ Bread twist ties | ☐ Hairpins | ☐ Small toys: legos |
| ☐ Buttons | ☐ Jewelry | ☐ String, yarn or dental floss |
| ☐ Coins | ☐ Nylons, socks | ☐ Stuffed animals made for humans |
| ☐ Cotton swabs | ☐ Paper clips | ☐ Wax |
| ☐ Diapers and incontinence pads (new and used) | ☐ Plastic wrap | |
| ☐ Electrical or phone cords | ☐ Rubber bands | |
| | ☐ Sharp objects (razors, knives) | |

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Plants

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| ☐ Aloe | ☐ Dieffenbachia | ☐ Marble Queen |
| ☐ Amaryllis | ☐ Dumb cane | ☐ Morning Glory |
| ☐ Andromeda | ☐ Easter Lily | ☐ Mother-in-law |
| ☐ Japonica | ☐ Elephant Ears | ☐ Mountain Laurel |
| ☐ Asian Lily | ☐ Emerald Fern | ☐ Narcissus |
| ☐ Asparagus Fern | ☐ English Ivy | ☐ Needlepoint Ivy |
| ☐ Australian Nut | ☐ Eucalyptus | ☐ Nephthytis |
| ☐ Autumn Crocus | ☐ Ferns | ☐ Nightshade |
| ☐ Azalea | ☐ Fiddle-Leaf | ☐ Oleander |
| ☐ Belladonna | ☐ Philodendron | ☐ Panda |
| ☐ Bird of Paradise | ☐ Florida Beauty | ☐ Peace Lily |
| ☐ Bittersweet | ☐ Foxglove | ☐ Philodendron |
| ☐ Black Locust | ☐ Glacier Ivy | ☐ Poison Hemlock |
| ☐ Branching Ivy | ☐ Gladiolas | ☐ Precatory Bean |
| ☐ Buckeye | ☐ Gold Dust Dracaena | ☐ Privet |
| ☐ Buddhist Pine | ☐ Golden Pothos | ☐ Red Emerald |
| ☐ Caladium | ☐ Heavenly Bamboo | ☐ Ribbon Plant |
| ☐ Calla Lily | ☐ Hurricane Plant | ☐ Sago Palm |
| ☐ Castor Bean | ☐ Hyacinth | ☐ Satin Pothos |
| ☐ Ceriman | ☐ Hydrangea | ☐ Schefflera |
| ☐ Clematis | ☐ Iris | ☐ Striped Dracaena |
| ☐ Cordatum | ☐ Jerusalem Cherry | ☐ Sweetheart Ivy |
| ☐ Corn Plant | ☐ Jimson Weed | ☐ Tulip |
| ☐ Cycads | ☐ Kalan hoe | ☐ Water Hemlock |
| ☐ Cyclamen | ☐ Lantana | ☐ Wisteria |
| ☐ Daffodil | ☐ Lilies (all species) | ☐ Yew |
| ☐ Daylily | ☐ Lily of the Valley | ☐ Yucca |
| ☐ Devil's Ivy | ☐ Lupine | |

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Medicines

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| ☐ Acetaminophen (Tylenol) | ☐ Cold and flu medicine |
| ☐ Anti-cancer drugs | ☐ Diet pills |
| ☐ Antidepressants | ☐ Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory (NSAID) |
| ☐ Anti-seizure medicine | medications such as |
| ☐ Baclofen and all other anti-spasmodics | ☐ Ibuprofen (Advil) |
| ☐ Blood pressure medicines and all heart medicines | ☐ Naproxen (Aleve) |
| | ☐ Vitamins |

Make sure you medication is stored in a safe location where a dog could not access it. Also, make sure you take the medication where your dog could not get it if you accidentally drop it. For example, over the sink.

My medicines

- ☐ Medicine 1: _____
- ☐ Medicine 2: _____
- ☐ Medicine 3: _____
- ☐ Medicine 4: _____
- ☐ Medicine 5: _____

How my medicine affects a dog

- ☐ Medicine 1: _____

- ☐ Medicine 2: _____

- ☐ Medicine 3: _____

- ☐ Medicine 4: _____

- ☐ Medicine 5: _____

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Foods

- ☐ Alcohol and hops
- ☐ Avocados
- ☐ Bread and yeast
- ☐ Chocolate (all forms)
- ☐ Chicken, turkey or other small animal bones (can cause internal damage)
- ☐ Coffee and caffeine
- ☐ Corn cobs
- ☐ Fatty foods
- ☐ Fruit pits (apricot, cherry, peach)
- ☐ Garlic and chives
- ☐ Grapes and raisins
- ☐ Gum, candies or food sweetened with
- ☐ Xylitol
- ☐ Macadamia nuts
- ☐ Moldy or spoiled food
- ☐ Onions and onion powder
- ☐ Raw yeast dough
- ☐ Salt
- ☐ Tea leaves

Chemicals

- ☐ Antifreeze or coolant
- ☐ Bleach
- ☐ Detergents
- ☐ Drain cleaners
- ☐ Fabric softener
- ☐ Fertilizers and weed control chemicals
- ☐ Gasoline, oil
- ☐ Insect and rodent control chemicals
- ☐ Lead
- ☐ Lighter fluid
- ☐ Lime/scale remover
- ☐ Mothballs
- ☐ Oven cleaner sprays
- ☐ Pesticides and herbicides
- ☐ Solvents like paint thinners
- ☐ Tobacco products

These are not exhaustive lists of hazards for dogs.

Please do not feed your dog food or medicine that is not specifically intended for dogs. Any decision to provide food or medicine to your dog that is not specifically designed for dogs should be discussed with your dog's veterinarian.

Please never leave chemicals, hazardous objects, or toxic plants in areas of your home or yard that are accessible to your dog.

Dogs are dogs. They are curious and can get into things that they shouldn't, even if they are incredibly well behaved normally. Don't give them the opportunity to make a potentially life threatening mistake.