



Dear Parents:

Operation Safe Child has been helping manufacturers develop safety packages for over 40 years. You have probably seen child-resistant closures on various products. This testing program is designed to see if these packages really are *child-resistant*. We are participating in this program so we can do our part to help reduce the number of children harmed each year by accidental poisonings.

64,000 times each year, a young child goes to the emergency room for medicine poisoning. In 38% of the cases, the child got into their grandparent's medication.

The testing procedure was designed by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Our trained testers ask two children to sit with them on the floor. The children are given a child-resistant package and allowed ten minutes to attempt to open the package. The products tested are specifically designed for the testing and are absolutely safe for children to handle. After ten minutes, the testers talk to the children about safety.

Your center has been asked to participate in this program. The administrative staff of your center is supportive of our program and is familiar with our representatives.

Thank you for your involvement in this very important program. Together, we can reduce the number of accidental poisonings.

If you prefer your child not to participate, please notify your child's teacher.

And remember, please carefully close all packages that contain harmful substances and keep them "up and away" from children.



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