IDEAS for Look-A-Like Display

1) Hershey’s Chocolate Bar & Ex-Lax Chocolate Laxative
2) Red Hots, Tic-Tacs, or M&M’s & Sudafed Tablets
3) Clorets Gum & Nicotine Gum
4) Sweet Tarts & antacids
5) Grape Kool-Aid & grape cough syrup
6) Apple Juice & Pine Sol
7) Rubbing Alcohol & bottled water or vinegar
8) PowerAde & blue mouthwash or Windex

Review Carolinas Poison Center’s Look-A-Like posters included in the Participant Pack for more ideas on products to include for your display.

Hot glue the solid medicines and candies to a poster board and place in a clear, plastic box frame. Ask for guesses about which is candy and which is medicine.

You can also take any clear container and put the look-a-like liquids in each one. **Hot glue the lids.** Do not leave the containers or let children grab them! Ask the children to tell you which is safe to drink. Emphasize that there’s no way to tell which is safe to drink by looking at them. It’s important to ask before touching or tasting anything.
Because young children are unable to read, they can often mistake medicines for their favorite candy. Many medicines and candies look identical. To reduce the risk of accidental poisonings, keep medicines out of the reach of children in a high, locked cabinet, and always keep medicines in their original containers.

In the event of an accidental poisoning call CAROLINAS POISON CENTER at 1-800-222-1222.
Look-A-Like Products: Don’t Be Fooled
Household Products & Medicine Can Look Alike

A child’s view … it all looks good to eat!
Ideas for Children’s Games/Assignments

**Musical Chairs**
*You will need:* enough chairs for all of the children, pictures of poisonous and non-poisonous items, MUSIC!

Tape the pictures on each of the chairs, but make sure no one can see what is on them. Start playing the music and have the children circle the chairs. When the music stops, each child should sit down, look at the picture on his or her chair, describe it, and explain why it may or may not be poisonous.

**Relay Game**
*You will need:* emptied bottles of cleaning products (make sure they are thoroughly rinsed), healthy items (fake fruits or vegetables), and garbage and grocery bags.

Divide the class up in two teams and put the items in two different bags, one for each team (make sure each bag has the same number of items). Next to each bag, place a garbage AND a grocery bag. Line up each team away from the bags of items. At the start of the game, the first person will run up to the bag and dump it out, come back and tag the next person in line. The next one will run up, grab ONE item and determine if it is a poison or not and put it into the respective bag (poison – garbage, non-poison – grocery). This will continue until all of the items are in the bags. The first team that finishes and correctly identifies all of the items wins!

**Divided House**
*You will need:* drawing of a house, either on a poster board or on some material (i.e. – felt) and various pictures of poisonous and non-poisonous items found IN the house.

Divide the house into two parts, one for non-poisonous items and one for poisonous items (line down the middle works the best). Each child will pick a picture and stick it on the correct side. When doing this, ask the child to explain why it is poisonous or non-poisonous.
Memory Game
You will need: pictures of poisonous and non-poisonous items, two of each picture.

Place all of the pictures face down on the floor or on a table. One at a time, a child will choose one picture and try to find its match. If a pair is found, the child has to tell what it is, if it is a poison or not and why.

Take-Home Project
Students will need: magazines to cut out potential poisons.

Ask the children to go home and cut out 2 potentially poisonous items from a magazine that they might find from around the house. Have children write several sentences identifying what the item is, why it could be considered a poison, and how to avoid being harmed by it. If time allows in the classroom the next day, read some of the examples and discuss what children wrote.
Dear Parent,

Every year, children are hurt or killed by poisons. However, poisonings can be prevented. This week, your child has been learning all about how to prevent a poisoning.

Most people do not know that everyday products can be poisonous. Anything can be a poison if it is taken in the wrong amount, by the wrong person, or in the wrong way.

Your child may bring home a sticker or magnet with the poison center telephone number. Please place this on your refrigerator or telephone in case of a poisoning emergency. You can also program the Carolinas Poison Center number into your phone: **1-800-222-1222**. You never know when you may need it! If your child did not bring home a magnet or sticker, visit us online: [www.ncpoisoncenter.org/Public Education Materials/Free Parent Pack](http://www.ncpoisoncenter.org/Public%20Education%20Materials/Free%20Parent%20Pack) to request a Parent Pack which includes a free sticker and magnet.

You can call Carolinas Poison Center day or night. We never close. We are a FREE and CONFIDENTIAL service. The people who staff the poison center are trained nurses, pharmacists, and doctors who specialize in poisons.

We answer questions about things like:
- medicines (over-the-counter and prescription)
- chemicals or products used in the home, yard, or garage
- bites and stings
- plants and mushrooms

Call Carolinas Poison Center anytime for a poison emergency or for more information about poisons or poison prevention: **1-800-222-1222**.

Sincerely,

Carolinas Poison Center
[www.ncpoisoncenter.org](http://www.ncpoisoncenter.org)
1. What did you like most about the poison prevention education curriculum?

__________________________________________________________________________

2. How could it be improved?

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3. What is one thing you will take away from the class?

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4. How likely are you to facilitate this curriculum again?

   Not Likely   Likely   Very Likely

5. If so, how soon do you plan to use/share the information?

   In the next 3 months   In the next 6 months   Other:_________
6. I created my own display as a part of curriculum facilitation.

7. I ordered “Spike’s Poison Prevention Adventure” or downloaded it from your website as part of curriculum facilitation.

8. I ordered poison prevention stickers or magnets to pass out to children in the class.

9. I have the number to Carolinas Poison Center posted somewhere in my facility.

10. I stated the important safety rule “Ask before you taste or touch” at least 3 times.

Comments or suggestions?

Thank you for facilitating the Poison Prevention Education program.
Mail completed form to: Carolinas Poison Center, Attn: Poison Information & Education Coordinator, P.O. Box 32861, Charlotte, NC 28232