

Poisoning

Sadly, even in the best regulated families this still sometimes happens, so special care needs to be taken with the following:

- All human medication should be safely locked away, and remind any visitors to keep their medication safe too
- Cleaning fluids, especially those containing phenol (e.g. Dettol and Jeyes fluid)
- Pollen from lilies can cause kidney damage if licked
- Certain house plants (e.g. Poinsettia)
- Anti-freeze; very poisonous
- Liver in large quantities
- Grapes, raisins
- Onions, tomatoes and mushrooms are all best avoided

The above are just some examples. If you suspect your kitten of eating or coming into contact with a possibly toxic substance, ring the surgery for advice and try to have to hand as much detail about the substance that you can. If you have to bring the kitten in, bring the substance with you if possible.



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SAFETY FIRST FOR YOUR KITTEN



Accidents & Injuries

If your kitten has an accident or suddenly becomes ill:

- Try not to panic
- Telephone the practice immediately; someone will answer your call 7 days a week 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
- When your call is answered, remember to clearly state your name, first line of your address and your telephone number in case you get cut off, followed by brief details of the problem. This will be needed to help us to help you in the most efficient way so that if you need to bring your kitten into the surgery, we can be ready to help as soon as you arrive
- Always keep the practice phone number handy and make sure all the family know the drill

Prevention is always better than cure so here are a few practical tips to help keep your kitten safe...



Safety in the House

- Close toilet lids, - kittens have a fascination for water and can't climb back out again!
- Block gaps under units and behind kitchen appliances
- Fix loose floorboards
- Always check that you haven't accidentally loaded your kitten in the washing machine or tumble dryer - yes it has happened!
- Electrical appliances with dangling leads are especially appealing to kittens to either chew or pull. Be particularly aware when using the iron.
- All electrical wiring needs to be kitten proof
- Don't leave hot fluids unsupervised
- Keep elastic bands, hair bands, dental floss, cotton (especially needle and thread), knitting wool and string safely out of the way as they all have a fascination for kittens who are inclined to swallow them which can make them very ill indeed



Safety Outside

Keep your kitten safely indoors until fully vaccinated. However, when they are ready to go out and explore, remember...

- They will want to take it a little at a time, so make sure they can come back in the minute they want to
- Kittens have no road sense, so make sure the area they start to explore is secure
- Be aware of places they could accidentally be locked in e.g. garages, sheds etc.