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Holiday Travel with Medications: *Prevent Injury in Children and Pets*

(Newark, NJ) –A toddler was sent to the emergency room of a local hospital by a poison specialist from the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES). The toddler swallowed a handful of her grandfather’s prescription medications while he was visiting the family for the holidays. Although his medications were stored in a travel pill box, the box was not child safe; therefore the toddler was able to get the lids off.

NJPIES would like to remind parents/grandparents that keeping medicines and personal toiletries away from children and pets is extremely important. When welcoming visitors to your home, always offer them a safe place to store their medications and personal materials. The following are some helpful tips for travelers:

- ✓ Store medication and personal supplies in locked suitcases or containers.
- ✓ Always keep medications and supplies in their original, child-resistant containers.
- ✓ Do not refer to medicine as “Candy”.

The Poison Control Center Hotline number, **1-800-222-1222**, can be used for treatment advice for emergency poisonings as well as for non-emergency questions regarding medications, household products, plants, or environmental contaminants. We are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Services are free and confidential. Hearing impaired may call 973-926-8008.

Remember, Help is Just a Phone Call Away!

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