



**SAFETY FIRST** should be your prime consideration when storing medicines and harsh cleaning compounds in the bathroom. Avoid storing them under sinks or in unlocked cabinets where children and pets may accidentally get at them. Better yet, avoid using harsh products altogether. For example, use Drain Power, the first drain opener to use pressure to clear clogged drains, instead of using dangerous crystal and liquid drain cleaners that contain harmful lyes or acids.

### Avoid bathroom hazards with safety checklist

Home improvement can take many forms, including remodeling and redecorating. But while pretty accessories can add much to your rooms, it's important to consider the safety of your home as well.

Bathrooms, in particular, offer many potentially dangerous pitfalls for you and your family. So, to insure that your bathroom is as safe as it is attractive, compare it against the following safety checklist:

- 1) Date and label all medicines and know their shelf life. Medicines that are used past their expiration date or used improperly can even be harmful!
- 2) Children and pets don't always know what's good for them... be sure all medicines and caustic cleaning compounds are stored in locked cabinets. And, use caution even when discarding old medi-

cines or empty cleaning product containers—keep them out of the reach of your small loved ones to prevent accidental intake.

- 3) Harsh chemical cleaners can be harmful to adults, if accidentally used improperly. Always read instructions before using any cleanser and, whenever possible, avoid hazardous ones. For example, instead of using drain cleaners which contain dangerous lye and acid, use Drain Power, the first drain opener to use air pressure to unclog pipes.
- 4) To reduce the risk of slips and falls on bare bathroom floors, pick up hairpins and other small objects as soon as they are dropped and, if your floor surface is the type which gets slippery when wet, be sure to mop up

spills immediately.

- 5) To prevent falls in the bath, line yours with a rubber mat or with decorative rubber decals. Install a handle or rod on the shower wall for extra protection.
- 6) Never use electrical appliances in or near water or damp surfaces. If your family relies on bathroom electricity, which require electricity, plug them into outlets away from the sink or bathtub and unplug them when they're not being used.

### Ad-vantage

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