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Danger: Lamp Oils Can Be Deadly

(Newark, NJ)- Extreme caution is urged when using lamps, lanterns, or torch lights containing lamp oils. The staff at the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES) warns the public of the serious danger lamp oils pose especially to young children. When accidentally taken by mouth, such lamp oils can enter the lungs causing pneumonia and even death.

Recently, a 2 ½ year old toddler needed immediate emergency room attention for ingesting lamp oils. The child got into the oil from a lamp left on the family's picnic table. According to Bruce Ruck, PharmD. of NJPIES, "It is very important to recognize that many of the lamps containing these oils are not child-resistant and must be kept away from children. When not in use, store the lamps and extra oils, the same way you would store any chemical - **Lock them up and keep them out of the reach of children.**"

If you suspect a poisoning, call the poison control center for immediate treatment advice as well as for prevention information. Call **1-800-222-1222**, trained medical professionals will provide you with the most up to date emergency treatment advice, and will answer any drug or poison information question you may have.

Remember, Help Is Just A Phone Call Away!

Poison Emergency? Call 1-800-222-1222

Questions about Poisons? Call 1-800-222-1222

Questions about Poison Prevention? Call 1-800-222-1222

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