

## Dear Caregiver,

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### Topic: **Hazardous Chemicals**

#### Always:



- Have the number to poison control available
- Read the label before using the chemical
- Dispose of any unmarked chemicals
- Use the chemical for its intended use
- Understand the Material Safety Data Sheet
- Store chemicals in locked container away from heat sources
- Wash hands thoroughly after each use

#### Never:

- Mix chemicals together
- Smell chemicals
- Taste chemicals
- Store food around or near chemicals
- Store chemicals under sinks



#### IF you **MUST** mix (dilute):

- If you have to mix a chemical to dilute it (i.e. bleach and water), dilute only enough for immediate use and label
- Be sure to use appropriate Personal Protective Equipment

Chemicals are useful if used properly. Regardless, they are hazardous and if not handled properly could hurt you. Familiarize yourself with how to properly use, store, and dispose of them. If you need more information please contact our safety specialists at [safetyhasitsrewards@carewestinsurance.com](mailto:safetyhasitsrewards@carewestinsurance.com).

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