

New Study Finds Only a Modest Decrease in Exposure to Laundry Detergent Packets Among Young Children Following Adoption of Product Safety Standard; Increase Among Older Children and Adults

Researchers say current safety standard isn't doing enough to protect our most vulnerable populations

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Dr. Smith offers advice to parents when it comes to detergents:
"We strongly recommend that parents not use laundry detergent packets if they have young children in the home. They should use traditional laundry detergent. If they decide to use the laundry detergent packets, they should be stored up, away and out of sight, preferably in a locked cabinet, to decrease access by young children."
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Dr. Smith says products should be safer for children:
"These products are concentrated, and they may be good for the companies that are selling them, but they're clearly not good for children. We have safe alternatives. We've used them for decades. There's absolutely no reason that we should see children being rushed to hospitals in coma, having seizures or even seen the deaths we've seen." :17

References

¹*Effects of Safety Interventions on Liquid Laundry Detergent Packet Exposures Among US Children, Pediatrics, June 3, 2019.* Online: [put link here](#).

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