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Kitten/Cat Proofing Your Home

Bringing a new kitten or a new adult cat into your home can be an exciting time. However, it is very important to make sure you kitten-proof your home before the newcomer arrives to prevent any injuries or mishaps that could mean trips to the vet. So, it's time to get down on their level and see what safety hazards we can find that often fly below our radar as adult humans.

- ✓ Don't leave electrical cords exposed. Electrical shock is common when cats chew on cords. Make sure you tie all cords down and cover them so that your kitten/cat cannot get to them.
- ✓ Put all medications and cleaning supplies behind closed, latched and even locked doors. Child-proof lids are not a safety guarantee; otherwise they would be called cat-proof lids!
- ✓ If anyone in your house smokes, immediately empty all ash trays. Cats can get nicotine poisoning from eating ashes. Cats suffer side-effects from second hand smoke, so it is an even better idea to stop smoking altogether if possible.
- ✓ Always supervise when burning candles or incense. Cats who are curious about the smell or flame could be injured. And, keep all burning objects up high to avoid a swishing cat's tail from coming in contact with an open flame.
- ✓ Keep your toilet lid down. Kittens or cats can drown if unable to escape should they fall into the toilet. If you use any cleaners on your toilet your cat can be poisoned by drinking water from the toilet.
- ✓ Keep windows and doors closed and properly screened in. Kittens can tear screens with their nails, so supervise if any of your windows are open.
- ✓ Lock away all string, thread, yarn, needles. Cats can swallow these objects, which could lead to fatal injuries.
- ✓ Keep cats indoors at all times. There are many dangers in the great outdoors like anti-freeze that can be life-threatening.
- ✓ Make sure that any poisons or pesticides for unwelcome critters to your home are secured in an out of reach area for your cat. Use these items with strong caution since a cat that ingests these chemicals could suffer fatal side-effects.
- ✓ Make sure that any cat toys you provide for playtime have no small removable parts (like eyes) that could be swallowed.
- ✓ Check that all shampoos, conditioners, food, etc is safe for your cat's age. Many products are not safe for use on very young kittens.
- ✓ Always make sure you know where your cat is before closing doors to refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, stoves, washers, dryers, etc.
- ✓ Check the back of this page for a list of which plants are safe and which are toxic to cats.



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PLANTS THAT ARE TOXIC TO CATS AND SHOULD NOT BE IN A FELINE HOUSEHOLD

Based on information from ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center

Aloe Vera	Cutleaf Philodendron	Janet Craig Dracaena	Poison Oak
Amaryllis	Cycads	Japanese Show Lily	Pathos
Apple (seeds)	Cyclamen	Jerusalem Cherry	Precatory Bean
Apple Leaf Craton	Daffodil	Kalanchoe	Primrose
Apricot (pit)	Dieffenbachia	Lacy Tree Philodendron	Red Emerald
Asparagus Fern	Dracaena Palm	Lily of the Valley	Red Princess
Autumn Carcus	Dragon Tree	Madagascar Dragon	Red-margined Dracaena
Azalea	Dumb Cane	Tree	Rhododendron
Baby's Breath	Easter Lily	Marble Queen	Ribbon Plant
Bird of Paradise	Elaine	Marijuana	Saddle Leaf
Branching Ivy	Elephant Ears	Mexican Breadfruit	Philodendron
Buckeye	Emerald Feather	Miniature Craton	Sago Palm
Buddhist Pine	English Ivy	Mistle Toe	Satin Pathos
Caldiium	Eucalyptus	Morning Glory	Schefflera
Caila Lily	Fiddle-leaf Fig	Mother-in-law's Tongue	Silver Pathos
Castor Bean	Florida Beauty	Narcissus	Spotted Dumb Cane
Ceriman	Foxglove	Needlepoint Ivy	String of Pearls
Charming Dieffencachia	Fruit Salad Plant	Nephtytis	Striped Dracaena
Cherry (sees and wilting leaves)	Geranium	Nightshade	Sweetheart Ivy
Chinese Evergreen	German Ivy	Oleander	Swiss Cheese Plant
Christmas Rose	Giant Dumb Cane	Onions	Taro Vine
Cineraria	Glacier Ivy	Oriental Lily	Tiger Lily
Clematis	Gold Dust Dracaena	Peace Lily	Tomato Plant
Cordatum	Golden Pathos	Peach (pits and wilting leaves)	Tree Philodendron
Corn Plant	Hahn's Self-Branching	Pencil Cactus	Tropic Snow
Cornstalk Plant	Ivy	Plumosa Fern	Dieffenbachia
Croton	Heartland Philodendron	Poinsettia (low toxicity)	Weeping Fig
Cuban Laurel	Hurrican Plant	Poison Ivy	Yew
	Indian Rubber Plant		

CAT-SAFE PLANTS FOR YOUR HOME AND GARDEN

Achillea	Chamomile	Heloptrope	Nasturtium
African Violet	Chervil	Hollyhock	Oats
Alyssum	Chives	Hyssap	Orchid
Aster	Columbine	Impatients	Oregano
Basil	Coneflower (Echinacea)	Japanese Matabi	Pansy
Bean Sprouts	Coriander	Lavender	Parsley
Begonia	Cosmos	Lemon Balm	Pea (not Sweetpea)
Buddleia (Butterfly-birsch)	Cress	Lemon Verbena	Peppermint
Calendula	Dahlia	Lettuce	Petunia
Catmint	Dianthus (Pinks)	Loavge	Phlox
Catnip	Dill	Marum	Partulaca
Celosia	Dorotheanthus (Ice Plant)	Miniature Rose	Rose
Cleame	Forget-Me-Not	Mint	Rosemary
		Monarda (Bee Palm)	Torenia



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Sage
Scabiosa
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Snapdragon
Spearmint
Spider Plant

Spinach
Strawflower
Sunflower
Tarragon

Thyme
Verbascum
Violet
Wheat (sprouts)
Zinnia

If you have any questions about kitten-proofing please call Purrfect Paws Animal Behavior Center, LLC at 716-465-6555.