After Debbie found a mouse in the pantry, Todd got rat poison.

They were sure their little girl would not eat those bluish pellets they put behind the fridge, but...

Oh my goodness! She found the rat poison!

Get the box, quick!

Mommy look, my tongue is blue!

If your kid has eaten or touched rat poison, call the Poison Control Center!

1-800-222-1222

If your pet has eaten rat poison call the National Animal Poison Control Center, the Pet Poison Helpline, or call your veterinarian.

Todd and Debbie called NPIC at 1.800.858.7378 and they learned that...

* Rodenticides can hurt mammals and birds in a single dose.
* Baits have ingredients that attract animals and can be also attractive to children and pets.
* Following the label is the best way to protect your loved ones.

Kids are curious and like to explore.

Bait stations allow rodents to access and eat the poison, but they keep children, pets, and wildlife out, preventing them from getting hurt.

The NPIC specialist offered tips for lowering risks to children and pets:

* Store pesticides up high or lock them away so they cannot get them.
* Check areas before letting them in to play.
* Remove dead rodents quickly to protect them.
* Safely dispose of unused products.

Call NPIC for more information!

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1) Man shopping, Pitt County, NC; 2) Top left: Happy couple, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control; 2) Center: Oh, no! Jackie Ricciardo, Boston University; 2) Top right: Blue tongue, Elizabeth S. Allman, University of Alaska Fairbanks; 3) Poison help, AAPCC; 4) Top left: Cat and dog, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; 4) Center left: Boys with turtle, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; 4) Bottom left: Flag group, Arizona Department of Economic Security; 4) Top right: Deer and fawn, Susan Shaler, Department of Environmental Conservation; 4) Center right: Bald eagle, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4) Bottom right: Rabbit, Sailing Nomad, flickr; 5) Left: Keep Out of Reach of Children, The U.S. Food and Drug Administration; 5) Right: Bait box, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; 6) Specialist, NPIC

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