

# COMMON HOUSEHOLD POISONS AND DANGERS FOR FERRETS

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There are many items we have in our homes that can pose dangers to our little fuzzy friends, from recliners to drier vents. Some of them seem common sense for us to restrict access—but what about the household items that can actually be toxic to our ferrets?

## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Toxic Plants		Toxic Food Items	Hazardous Household Items	
Aloe Vera	All Lily Species	Grapes	Insecticides	Hair Styling Products
Amaryllis	Milkweed	Raisins	Pesticides	Dental Hygiene Products
Azalea	Morning Glory	Avocado	Rodenticides	Feminine Hygiene Products
Baby's Breath	Oleander	Onions	Weed Killers	Essential Oils
Begonia	Poinsettia	Garlic	Ant Traps	Perfumes and Fragrances
Carnation	Pothos	Chocolate	Mouse Traps	Household Deodorizers
Castor Bean	Sago Palm	Tea	Cleansers	Potting Soils and Fertilizers
Chrysanthemum	Tomato Plants	Xylitol	Detergents	Ibuprofen
Cyclamen	Tulips	Alcohol	Disinfectants	Acetaminophen
Daffodil	Narcissus	Garbage	Soaps	Other Pain Relievers
Gladiola	Rhododendron		Lotions	Decongestants
Hosta	Yew		Shampoos/Conditioners	
Ivy				

Ferrets' curious natures, persistence, and climbing capabilities cannot be stressed enough. If you suspect your ferret has had access to any possible poisons, please call your regular veterinarian immediately. If it is off-hours, call your nearest emergency clinic that treats ferrets, or call the **ASPCA's National Poison Control Hotline at 1-888-426-4435** (a \$60 fee may be billed to your credit card for services rendered).