Recent Recall Highlights Importance of Child Medication Safety By: Carmen Dellutri

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Naples parents should be aware that Novartis is recalling 2.3 million containers of its Triaminic® Syrups and Theraflu Warming Relief® Syrups due to a defect in the child-resistant caps. This is very disconcerting, particularly as we are in the midst of one of the worst cold and flu seasons.

According to the <u>U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission</u>, the child-resistant caps on these medicines can fail to function properly and enable the cap to be removed by a child even with the tamper-evident seal in place. This, of course, poses a risk of unintentional ingestion and poisoning.

The recent recall highlights the importance of child medication safety. Even products that are advertised as "child-resistant" may fail to live up to expectations. As a result, it is important to make sure all medications are stored safely out of the reach of small children.

As <u>Cape Coral injury attorneys</u>, we would like to share the following tips:

- Always store medicines and vitamins in a locked location, out of the reach and sight of children.
- Always put medicines and vitamins away after every use. Never leave them on the counter between dosings. Don't be tempted to "keep them handy" in a purse, backpack, or briefcase, or in an unlocked cabinet or a drawer within a child's reach.
- Buy child-resistant packages when available and securely close them every time.
- Remind babysitters, houseguests, and visitors to keep purses and bags that contain medicine up and away when they visit your home.
- Never leave any medicines out or on a counter.
- Program the poison control center number **1-800-222-1222** into your home and cell phones so you have it when you need it.

Source: <u>SafeKids.org</u>

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