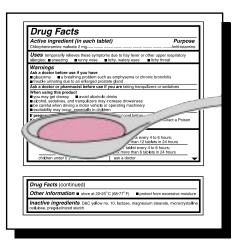
## Use Medicine Safely







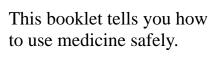




The Food and Drug
Administration (FDA), is part of
the United States Government.
One of FDA's jobs is to
make sure that medicines are
safe and effective.



But they can hurt you if you don't take them according to instructions from your doctor or pharmacist. Before using any medicine, read the label!





There are two kinds of medicine:

## ■ Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medicine

Medicine you can buy without a doctor's prescription.



Active ingredient (in each table Chlorpheniramine maleate 2 mg	Purpose Antihistamine	
<b>Uses</b> temporarily relieves these symptoms allergies: ■ sneezing ■ runny nose ■ it		
Warnings Ask a doctor before use if you have ■ glaucoma ■ a breathing problem such a: ■ trouble urinating due to an enlarged prostat Ask a doctor or pharmacist before use if y	e gland	
When using this product  you may get drowsy ■ avoid alcoholic dr ■ alcohol, sedatives, and tranquilizers may in be careful when driving a motor vehicle or c	rinks crease drowsiness operating machinery	
If pregnant or breast-feeding, ask a health Keep out of reach of children. In case of o Control Center right away.		tact a Poison
Directions adults and children 12 years and over	take 2 tablets every 4 to 6 hou not more than 12 tablets in 24	
children 6 years to under 12 years	take 1 tablet every 4 to 6 hour not more than 6 tablets in 24 h	

Drug Facts (continued)	
Other information ■ store at 20-25°C (68-77°F)	protect from excessive moisture
Inactive ingredients D&C yellow no. 10, lactose,	magnesium stearate, microcrystaline





Medicine labels may be hard to read. Make sure you ask questions.



■ Prescription Medicine

Your doctor writes a prescription that tells the pharmacist what you need. You pick up the medicine at the drug counter.

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Taking more than one medicine without telling the doctor might hurt you.

When you talk to your doctor and pharmacist:

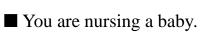
- tell them which medicines you are taking now
- tell them if you have ever had problems with medicine
- make a list of your medicines to show them, or bring your medicine with you



Protect yourself and your baby. Medicine may hurt your baby. Tell the doctor or pharmacist if:



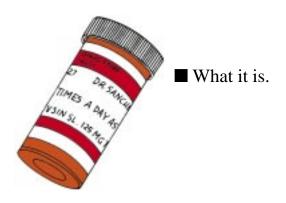
■ You are pregnant.





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Before you take **any** kind of medicine, make sure you know:



■ Why you should take it.



■ If it could make you feel sleepy or cause some other problem for you. ■ When to take it.



■ How much to take.



■ How long to take it.

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■ You also need to know what you should **not** have while taking your medicine.

Some foods and drinks can make medicine work too fast. Some can make it work too slow—or not at all.

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Smoking cigarettes also can change the way your medicines work. Drinking alcohol when you are taking some medicines can be **very** dangerous.



Some medicines can cause problems even if you take them the right way. Call your doctor or pharmacist if you think your medicine is making you feel worse.



Here are three safety ideas:

1. When you buy medicine, make sure no one has already opened it.

At the store, check to see if the package was opened.

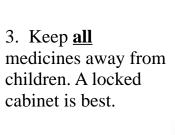
If it was, tell a person working in the store.





At home, see if the medicine looks normal. If it doesn't, don't use it! Take it back to the store.







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Do you have questions about your medicine? The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) may have an office near you. Look for their number in the blue pages of the phone book. You can also contact the FDA through its toll-free number, 1-888-INFO-FDA (1-888-463-6332).





Or, on the World Wide Web at www.fda.gov.