



FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
**COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION
PROGRAM**

**Wants to make you
aware of the dangers of
laundry detergent gel
packs to children.**

Children are naturally curious about the environment around them. They spend their days exploring and for toddlers, this means putting objects into their mouths, including single dose laundry detergent gel pack capsules. Many children under the age of five are attracted to the capsules bright colors and gummy texture, leading them to put the capsules in their mouths ingesting highly concentrated detergent.

- ⚠ Always keep laundry packs locked away, out of children's reach.
- ⚠ Do not store in low cabinets i.e. under the sink.
- ⚠ Follow disposal instructions.

Poison specialists say children have always gotten into household cleaners, however; the difference is how severely children can get injured in a relatively short amount of time. While other detergents may cause mild symptoms like an upset stomach, some do not cause any symptoms. However, the highly concentrated laundry packs are especially harmful to children.

Symptoms of ingestion can range in severity and may include:

- ⚠ Vomiting
- ⚠ Wheezing
- ⚠ Drooling
- ⚠ Severe drowsiness
- ⚠ Burning of mouth, throat, eyes, and lungs



SAFETY PRECAUTIONS
 If you think your child has been exposed to a laundry packet call your local Poison Control Center at
1-800-222-1222

**For more information contact:
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Fort Valley State University does not give medical advice or engage in the practice of medicine. FVSU under no circumstances recommends particular treatment for specific individuals and in all cases recommends that you consult your physician or local treatment center before pursuing any course of treatment.

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