



## Safety Tips for Hazardous Medications

If your medication is labeled as a “Hazardous Drug,” it can be dangerous to other people and pets. Here are a few precautions to take to help reduce the risks for your loved ones and keep you safe as well.

### Storing Hazardous Medications

- Keep out of the reach of children and pets.
- Keep separate from all other medications.
- Store at room temperature (unless directed otherwise), away from high heat and moisture (including kitchen and bathroom).
- If refrigeration is needed, separate it from all foods. Use a separate bin in the refrigerator or special container.
- Store in its original bottle or container. Do not place it in a pill box with other non-hazardous drugs.

### Safety Precautions for Handling Hazardous Medications

- Wash hands before and after taking or wear disposable gloves when handling.
- If you use gloves, dispose of them appropriately and wash your hands afterward.
- If you need to cut or open pills, it's best to wear a face mask that covers your nose and mouth. It's also helpful to wear an apron if possible.
- Swallow each tablet or capsule whole; do not crush or chew. If you are unable to swallow oral medication, call to speak with our pharmacists or consult your doctor.
- If you need to dissolve your medication in liquid, use a disposable cup.
- If you are pregnant, trying to become pregnant, or breast feeding, DO NOT handle hazardous medications. Proper personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves should be worn during administration.
- If your medication makes you ill, call your doctor. Do not re-administer the dose after vomiting without first contacting your doctor or one of our pharmacists.

### How Do I Keep Others Safe at Home?

- While taking a hazardous medication, wear disposable gloves when disposing of urine, stool, or vomit. This includes soiled sheets or clothing. Soiled items should be washed separately from other laundry.
- Double flush the toilet while taking hazardous medications and for 5-7 days after discontinuation.
- Wash your hands with soap after using the bathroom, especially if urine, vomit, or stool touches your skin.
- Use caution around anyone who is pregnant or breastfeeding. Those who are pregnant or breastfeeding should NOT handle these medications.
- If you have unused medication, contact your doctor to see if they will take it back or find a local drug disposal location at [www.safe.pharmacy](http://www.safe.pharmacy).

**For More Information or if you have any questions, please contact your doctor or call Onco360 at 877.662.6633.**