

HARMFUL HOUSE PLANTS

Plant Name	System Affected	Details
African Violet	Heart	Leaves & stems are poisonous
Amaryllis	Intestines & Brain	
Anthurium	Kidney & Liver	
Apricot	Lungs	Pit contains cyanide
Autumn Crocus	Intestines & Heart	
Azalea	Intestines	
Begonia	Kidney & Liver	
Caladium	Mouth/Skin	Severe irritation of mouth and tongue
Calla lily	Kidney & Liver	
Century plant (Agave)	Heart	Saponins in root may be fatal
Choke cherries	Lungs	Unripe berries contain cyanide
Chrysanthemum	Skin	Rotten plants cause severe skin irritation
Daffodil	Intestines	Bulbs cause intestinal upset/death
Delphinium	Brain	
Dieffenbachia	Intestines & Lungs	May cause fatal swelling of throat
Dumbcane (Dieffenbachia)	Mouth/Skin	Juice causes swelling of mouth/throat
Elderberry	Lungs	Unripe berries contain cyanide
Elephant's ear (Colocasia)	Mouth/Skin	Severe irritation of mouth and tongue
English Ivy	Lungs	Berries & leaves cause breathing difficulty & coma
Eucalyptus	Heart	Cyanide poisoning
Four o'clock (Mirabilis)	Intestines	Roots and seeds cause stomach upset
Foxglove	Heart	
Heliotrope	Heart	Leaves are poisonous
Hydrangea	Lungs	Stomach upset and bloody diarrhea
Iris	Intestines	
Kalanchoe	Heart	
Lantana	Liver	
Lily of the valley	Heart	
Mistletoe	Heart & Brain	
Morning glory	Brain	Seeds are toxic to birds
Oleander	Heart	Very poisonous, one leaf can be fatal
Peach	Lungs	Pit contains cyanide
Pencil cactus	Intestines	
Peperomia	Heart	Leaves are poisonous
Petunia	Heart	Contains poisonous alkaloids
Philodendron	Kidney & Liver	
Poinsettia	Mouth/Skin	Juice is irritating to mouth/tongue/intestines
Prayer plant	Intestines	Leaves are toxic
Primrose	Skin	May cause severe skin irritation
Rex begonia	Intestines	Causes vomiting
Rhubarb	Kidney & Liver	
Rubber Plant (Ficus)	Skin	Severe skin irritation
Sago Palm	Heart & Liver	Wobbling, liver inflammation
Schefflera	Kidney & Liver	
Sweet violets	Intestines	Rhizomes and seeds cause upset stomach
Taxus	Heart	
Wormwood	Brain	Oils can cause brain damage