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WARNING:

Alcohol Can Be Deadly to Infants and Toddlers

Newark, New Jersey – A toddler was rushed to a local hospital when found unconscious at home by a relative. This critically-ill child was later diagnosed with alcohol poisoning.

In observance of Alcohol Awareness Month, the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES) would like to remind the public that infants and toddlers can get into alcoholic beverages left over from the previous night's party. NJPIES recommends that all cups containing alcoholic beverages be emptied immediately and any open bottles should be closed tightly. Parents and guardians must go one step further and make sure to place those remaining bottles up high and out of a child's reach.

NJPIES is NJ's only certified poison control center. Services are accessible to New Jersey callers through a toll-free number, **1-800-222-1222**. The hotline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is staffed by poison specialists ready to answer questions and help in emergency situations.

Remember, Help Is Just a Phone Call Away!

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