

## Common Household Items Hazardous to Ferrets

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The following items are all dangerous to some degree if ingested, or placed in contact with your ferret. Some can cause death almost instantly. Others may cause only a mild reaction, but it is best to remove them from any areas where they would be in contact with your ferret.

This is not a complete list, so if you are in any doubt about something that your ferret has eaten or been in contact with, please contact your veterinarian or the National Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435. (They charge \$65.00 per case.)

Common hazards to avoid:

Acetaminophen	Medicines
Acetone	Matches
Alcohol	Mineral spirits
Ammonia	Model glue
Antifreeze	Mothballs
Aspirin	Muriatic acid
Bleach	Nail polish
Boric acid	Oven cleaner
Brass cleaner	Paint
Caffeine	Paint remover
Camphophenique	Paint thinner
Carbon monoxide	Perfume
Charcoal lighter	Perm solutions
Chlorine	Pesticides
Chocolate	Photo solution
Christmas tinsel	Pine oil
Coffee	Polish remover
Cola	Raw meat
Copper cleaner	Rodent poison
Corn removers	Rubbing alcohol
Crayons	Salt
Deodorants	Shaving cream
Deodorizers	Shaving lotion
Detergents	Shoe polish
Disinfectants	Silver polish
Drain cleaner	Sleeping pills
Dry cleaning fluid	Slug bait
Easter-basket grass	Snail bait
Fabric dye	Soaps
Fabric softener	Solvents
Flea/tick products	Spices
Floor polish	Spot remover
Furniture polish	Spray starch
Gasoline	Sulfuric acid

Gun cleaner	Suntan lotions
Gun powder	Super Glue
Hair dyes	Tar
Herbicides	Toilet bowl cleaner
Hexachlorophene	Turkey bones
Insecticides	Turpentine
Iodine	Wart remover
Kerosene	Wax
Laxatives	Weed killer
Lead	Window cleaner
Lighter fluid	Wood preservative
Lye	Wood stain