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Letter to Editor

Request Suggesting "Child Proof" Pill Container in Indian Medication Bottles and Strips by Pharmaceutical Manufacturers

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As you would possibly bear in mind, Child-resistant packaging is thought to be a very important public health safety tool for avoiding harmful outcomes associated with unattended children ingesting Medications. There are many measures to form drug packaging child-resistant, with the foremost common forms being a childresistant closure (e.g. a "safety cap") and bound unit-dose blister packaging (e.g. puncture-resistant and peel-push blisters). In 1970, USA enacted Poison Prevention Packaging Act to safeguard kids (under five years of age) from unintentional exposure to household products. Since the regulation has been in place resulted in noteworthy decline in unexpected deaths of kids from poisoning.

Indian medications still lack child-proof medications, as a result of absence of any such regulation in Republic of India. Though Indian Food and Drug Administration regulates bound aspects of drug products' bottle closure systems associated with safety and efficaciousness as a part of the drug application review and approval method. Indian Society of pharmacological medicine advocates that every bottle of medication, be hold on safely in kid proof medication containers, and out of reach and sight of youngsters, to emphasize the public health efforts to handle this safety issue. Several cases of unintentional pediatric poisoning are getting reported in different corners of India. Since each minute of each day, a poison management centre answers a query of parents of young kids suffering from unintentional drug intake nearly fifty thousand queries per annum. We recommend that it's high time that the above public health initiative of Child-proof medication container or Child resistant packaging be considered by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and strict guidelines to be issued to Indian pharmaceutical companies for manufacturing "Child Proof" Pill Container instead of ordinary medication bottles, so to prevent Unintentional Medicine Exposures in kids. Kindly accept our recommendation and reply, as you please.

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