

# ***Poison Accidents Kill Six Persons***

Six persons died in Alaska from accidental poisoning last year, a relatively high rate compared with the rest of the nation.

In the nation as a whole, 5,000 children under five years of age died from accidental poisoning, and 500,000 children are involved in such accidents.

Principal sources of the poisonings are: drugs in an unlocked medicine cabinet, detergents, cleaners, polishes, and solvents stored under a kitchen sink or in other accessible places.

Poison information centers, with files of thousands of poisonous substances and their antidotes, have been established in six Alaskan cities to offer aid to poison victims. They can be contacted in emergencies for names of antidotes.

The six centers are: Alaska Medical Center, Anchorage; Northward Drug store, Fairbanks; St. Ann's Hospital, Juneau; Ketchikan General Hospital, Ketchikan; Alaska Native Hospital Mt. Edgecumbe; and Maynard MacDougall Memorial Hospital, Nome.