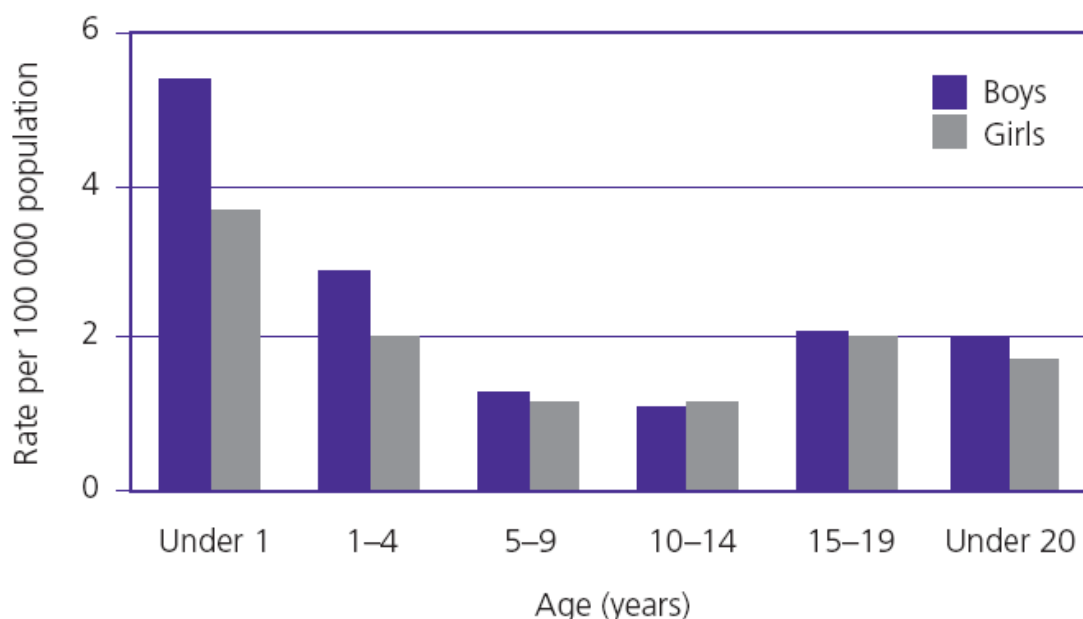


Substances found in and around the home are most commonly involved in childhood poisoning

Over 45 000 children and teenagers die from poisoning each year – that is approximately 123 children per day. Many millions of calls are made to poison control centres, most of which are resolved over the phone. Children under the age of one are at greatest risk of fatal poisoning, particularly in low-income and middle-income countries. The most common poisons are over the counter medications, prescription drugs, paraffin, household products and pesticides.

Fatal poisoning rates per 100 000 children by age and sex, World, 2004



Source: WHO (2008), Global Burden of Disease: 2004 update.