

# TOXICITY OF COMMON HOUSEPLANTS

**African Violet**—(*Episcia reptans*) non-toxic.  
**Aluminum Plant**—(*Pilea cadierei*) non-toxic.  
**Amaryllis**—contain alkaloid lycorine, bulb is most toxic; *Crinum*, *Huemanthus*, and *Nerine* genera of *Amaryllis* also contain alkaloids in bulbs.  
**Aralia**—(*Fatsia japonica*) non-toxic.  
**Arrowhead Plant, Nephthytis**—(*Syngonium podophyllum*) toxic-oxalates.  
**Asparagus Fern**—(*Asparagus setaceus plumosus*) toxic-dermatitis.  
**Avocado**—(*Persea americana*) possibly toxic.  
**Azalea**—(*Rhododendron occidentale*) toxic.  
**Baby Tears**—(*Helxine soleirolii*) non-toxic.  
**Bear Feet**—(*Cotyledon tomentosa*) succulent, non-toxic.  
**Begonia**—(*Begonia* sp.) non-toxic.  
**Bird-of-Paradise**—(*Poinciana gilliesii*) toxic.  
**Birdnest Sansevieria**—(*Sansevieria trifasciata*) non-toxic.  
**Birds Nest Fern**—(*Asplenium nidus*) non-toxic.  
**Bittersweet**—(*Solanum dulcamara*) toxic-solanine  
**Bloodlead**—(*Iresine Herbstii*) non-toxic.  
**Boston Fern**—(*Nephrolepis exalta*) non-toxic.  
**Boston Ivy**—(*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*) toxic-oxalates.  
**Bridal Veil**—(*Tradescantia 'Bridal Veil'*) non-toxic.  
**Caladium**—(*Caladium* sp.) toxic-oxalates.  
**Calathea**—(*Calathea argyrea*) non-toxic.  
**Chenille Plant**—(*Acalypha hispida*) causes skin and gastrointestinal inflammation.  
**Christmas Cactus**—(*Zygocactus truncatus*) non-toxic.  
**Christmas Rose**—(*Helleborus niger* L.) toxic-glycosides.  
**Chrysanthemum**—(*Chrysanthemum* sp.) may give dermatitis.  
**Coleus**—(*Coleus* sp.) non-toxic.  
**Corn Plant**—(*Dracaena fragrans massangeana*) non-toxic.  
**Creeping Charlie, Ground Ivy**—(*Glechoma hederacea*) toxic.  
**Creeping Charlie, Creeping Jenny, Moneywort**—(*Lysimachia nummularia*) non-toxic.  
**Creeping Charlie**—(*Pilea nummularifolia*) non-toxic.  
**Creeping Fig**—(*Ficus*) possible dermatitis.  
**Croton**—(*Codiaeum variegatum*) many species contain croton oil, a strong purgative which causes gastroenteritis.  
**Crown of Thorns**—(*Euphorbia milii*) toxic.  
**Cyclamen**—(*Cyclamen persicum*) a case of poisoning was reported in 1798.

**Donkey Tail**—(*Sedum morganianum*) non-toxic.  
**Dracaena indivisa**—(*Cordyline indivisa*) non-toxic.  
**Dumbcane**—(*Dieffenbachia Seguine*) toxic-oxalates  
**Emerald Duke**—(*Philodendron hastatum*) toxic-oxalates.  
**Emerald Ripple**—(*Peperomia caperata*) non-toxic.  
**English Ivy**—(*Hedera helix*) toxic.  
**False Aralia**—(*Dizygotheca elegantissima*) non-toxic.  
**Ferns**—some wild species toxic, no reports of poisoning from houseplant species.  
**Fiddleleaf Fig**—(*Ficus lyrata*) non-toxic.  
**Gardenia**—(*Gardenia radicans floraplana*) non-toxic.  
**Gold Toothed Aloe**—(*Aloe nobilis*) toxic - possible dermatitis.  
**Grape Ivy**—(*Cissus rhombifolia*) non-toxic.  
**Heartleaf Philodendron**—(*Philodendron cordatum*) toxic-oxalates.  
**Hoya, Wax Plant**—(*Hoya* sp.) non-toxic.  
**Hydrangea**—(*Hydrangea* sp.) toxic - contains cyanogenetic glycoside.  
**Indian Laurel**—(*Ficus nitida*) non-toxic, possible dermatitis.  
**Jade Plant**—(*Crassula argentes*) non-toxic.  
**Janet Craig Dracaena**—(*Dracaena deremensis*) non-toxic.  
**Jerusalem Cherry**—(*Solanum pseudocapsicum*) toxic - contains solanine.  
**Kalanchoe**—(*Kalanchoe* sp.) non-toxic.  
**Lantana**—(*Lantana camara*) berries of some species toxic.  
**Lily-of-the-Valley**—(*Convallaria majalis*) toxic-glycosides.  
**Lipstick Plant**—(*Aeschynanthus lobbianus*) non-toxic.  
**Madagascar Dragon Tree**—(*Dracaena marginata*) non-toxic  
**Madagascar Jasmine**—(*Stephanotis floribunda*) non-toxic  
**Madagascar Lace Plant**—(*Aponageton fenestralis*) non-toxic  
**Marble Queen**—(*Scindapsus aureus*, *Pothos aureus*) toxic-oxalates.  
**Majesty**—(*Philodendron hastatum*) toxic-oxalates.  
**Moon Magic**—(*Pilea 'Moon Magic'*) non-toxic.  
**Narcissus**—(*Narcissus* sp.) toxic-alkaloid lycorin.  
**Needlepoint Ivy**—(*Hedera helix 'Needlepoint'*) toxic.  
**Norfolk Island Pine**—(*Araucaria excelsa*) non-toxic.  
**Oleander**—(*Nerium Oleander*, L.) toxic-glycosides.  
**Parlor Palm**—(*Chamaedorea elegans*) non-toxic.  
**Painted Needle**—(*Coleus*) non-toxic.

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