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## **HARMFUL HOUSE PLANTS**

| <b>Plant Name</b>          | <b>System Affected</b> | <b>Details</b>                                     |
|----------------------------|------------------------|--|
| African Violet             | Heart                  | Leaves & stems are poisonous                       |
| Amaryllis                  | Intestines & Brain     |  |
| Anthurium                  | Kidney & Liver         |  |
| Apricot                    | Lungs                  | Pit contains cyanide                               |
| Autumn Crocus              | Intestines & Heart     |  |
| Azalea                     | Intestines             |  |
| Begonia                    | Kidney & Liver         |  |
| Caladium                   | Mouth/Skin             | Severe irritation of mouth and tongue              |
| Calla lily                 | Kidney & Liver         |  |
| Century plant (Agave)      | Heart                  | Saponins in root may be fatal                      |
| Choke cherries             | Lungs                  | Unripe berries contain cyanide                     |
| Chrysanthemum              | Skin                   | Rotten plants cause severe skin irritation         |
| Daffodil                   | Intestines             | Bulbs cause intestinal upset/death                 |
| Delphinium                 | Brain                  |  |
| Dieffenbachia              | Intestines & Lungs     | May cause fatal swelling of throat                 |
| Dumbcane (Dieffenbachia)   | Mouth/Skin             | Juice causes swelling of mouth/throat              |
| Elderberry                 | Lungs                  | Unripe berries contain cyanide                     |
| Elephant's ear (Colocasia) | Mouth/Skin             | Severe irritation of mouth and tongue              |
| English Ivy                | Lungs                  | Berries & leaves cause breathing difficulty & coma |
| Eucalyptus                 | Heart                  | Cyanide poisoning                                  |
| Four o'clock (Mirabilis)   | Intestines             | Roots and seeds cause stomach upset                |
| Foxglove                   | Heart                  |  |
| Heliotrope                 | Heart                  | Leaves are poisonous                               |
| Hydrangea                  | Lungs                  | Stomach upset and bloody diarrhea                  |
| Iris                       | Intestines             |  |
| Kalanchoe                  | Heart                  |  |
| Lantana                    | Liver                  |  |
| Lily of the valley         | Heart                  |  |
| Mistletoe                  | Heart & Brain          |  |
| Morning glory              | Brain                  | Seeds are toxic to birds                           |
| Oleander                   | Heart                  | Very poisonous, one leaf can be fatal              |
| Peach                      | Lungs                  | Pit contains cyanide                               |
| Pencil cactus              | Intestines             |  |
| Peperomia                  | Heart                  | Leaves are poisonous                               |



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| Petunia              | Heart          | Contains poisonous alkaloids                   |
| Philodendron         | Kidney & Liver |  |
| Poinsettia           | Mouth/Skin     | Juice is irritating to mouth/tongue/intestines |
| Prayer plant         | Intestines     | Leaves are toxic                               |
| Primrose             | Skin           | May cause severe skin irritation               |
| Rex begonia          | Intestines     | Causes vomiting                                |
| Rhubarb              | Kidney & Liver |  |
| Rubber Plant (Ficus) | Skin           | Severe skin irritation                         |
| Sago Palm            | Heart & Liver  | Wobbling, liver inflammation                   |
| Schefflera           | Kidney & Liver |  |
| Sweet violets        | Intestines     | Rhizomes and seeds cause upset stomach         |
| Taxus                | Heart          |  |
| Wormwood             | Brain          | Oils can cause brain damage                    |