

Common House Plants – What is Safe and What Isn't?

If you have rabbits and houseplants, it is best — for both rabbits and plants — to keep your plants in a room your rabbit is not allowed in. Most people who have plants prefer to keep their plants intact — and rabbits do not always cooperate! As an added precaution, place the plants safely out of your rabbit's reach, just in case he finds his way into the forbidden room. Remember, too, that even though the plants may be kept out of reach, their leaves may fall into "Rabbit Territory."

Some of the common houseplants that are toxic to rabbits include:

- Aloe
- Dracaena
- Geraniums
- Hibiscus
- Philodendron
- Poinsettia
- Pothos
- Primrose
- Shamrock
- Umbrella Plants

Many varieties of the following plants are also toxic:

- Ferns
- Ivy
- Lily

While Violet plants are not poison, their seeds are. The bulbs of **all** bulb plants (Amaryllis, Daffodils, Hyacinth, Narcissus, etc.) are also toxic. Many flowers commonly used in bouquets and corsages — including Carnations and Chrysanthemums — are also on the poisonous list. A comprehensive list of toxic plants can be found online at:

<http://www.adoptarabbit.com/articles/toxic.html>

Please note that the exclusion of a plant from this list does **not** indicate it is safe!

If you are interested in growing plant **for** your rabbit, consider planting an herb garden. Favorites for most rabbits include Basil, Cilantro, Mint, Parsley, and Peppermint. Ornamental Kale is another favorite of many rabbits. However, if your goal is to grow pretty plants rather than empty pots, it is still wise to keep these plants safely out of your rabbit's reach!