

8 Household Items That Could Be Dangerous to Your Cat

Our cats are our best friends and we always want them to be happy, healthy, and safe, especially in our homes. You may be surprised to find out that your home may be filled with things that are putting your cat at risk. Learning how to see your home from your cat's perspective will help you understand how to create a safer environment for your cat.



#1 – Power Cords To a playful cat, an exposed power cord looks like a snake (or what she may call “lunch”). A puncture by a tooth or claw could give your cat a shock. The best-case scenario is that it startles your cat, but at worst it could kill her. Even if the device is unplugged when she bites or claws it, you could be in for a shock yourself when you plug it back in without noticing the damage. Make power

cords inaccessible to her by running them behind or under furniture or invest in cord covers.

#2 – Toxic Plants It's normal for cats to want to chew on plants, whether it's because the extra fiber helps ease an upset stomach or because the leaves blowing in the wind look an awful lot like prey. Cats can develop a curiosity for your houseplants at any time, so you should never assume that keeping toxic plants in your home is safe. Toxic plants can cause vomiting, diarrhea, or even death. Give your toxic plants to friends who don't have pets and replace them with cat-friendly ones. Do a search online for what plants are safe for your cat(s).

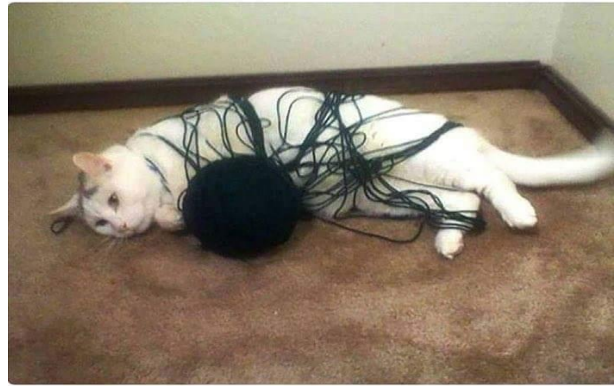
#3 – Cords hanging from window blinds Dangling cords will easily entice a playful and curious cat, but they can be dangerous. A hanging cord can result in choking or strangulation. You don't have to get rid of your blinds to create a safe home for your cat. Simply tie up the cords so they are out of reach and not on her radar.

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#4 – Strings, floss rubber bands One of the most common reasons people bring their cats to the vet is to extract foreign objects from their stomachs or digestive tracts. You may not even know why your cat is feeling awful until you see the x-ray. Cats explore their environments through sniffing, nibbling, and pawing, so you can bet that anything small enough to eat will eventually find its way into your cat's mouth. Keep stringy items like dental floss, rubber bands, yarn, and ponytail holder far away from your cat.

Mistakes were made that day..

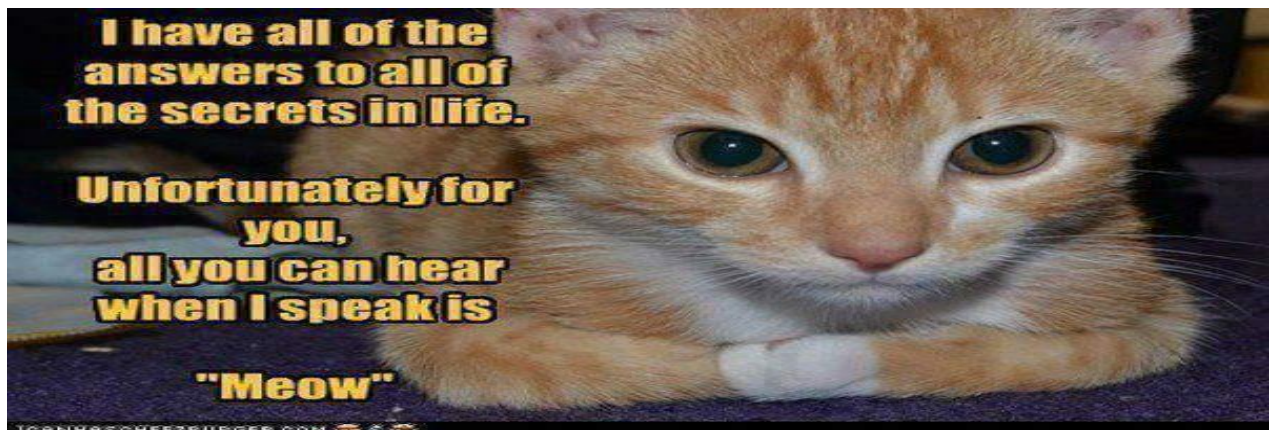


#5 – Open Windows, unsecured screens Cats love to sit in windows because it's a great way to experience all the exciting sounds and smells of the great outdoors. Without proper safety precautions, however, the window can be a dangerous place. Make sure the screens are well secured to keep your kitty from escaping or falling.

#6 – Accessible trash There are a lot of things that end up in your trash that could be dangerous to your cat. To keep your cat safe, make sure your trash cans have secure lids.

#7 – Pest Repellants Whether we're talking about insecticides or mouse traps, pest repellants are dangerous. Never spray poison or leave traps that are accessible to your cat. Also make sure to store excess insecticides, traps, or other repellants in a cat-safe way.

#8 – Cleaners Like insecticides, cleaners can be dangerous for your cat. When you're choosing and using cleaners, keep in mind that your cat will be grooming chemicals off her fur or paws if she walks through or lays down on a recently cleaned surface. Read labels to make sure you're using pet-friendly products and store them responsibly.



EXCITING ADOPTION SPOTLIGHT UPDATES



LIAM! Oh yes, he is in his forever home!! After living in a loving foster home for a little over 3 years, this handsome boy moved to New Cumberland, PA earlier this month! Amy and her family love the Snowshoe breed and have experience with diabetic cats. How could they not adopt Liam?! WIN – WIN Enjoy your new home, Liam! Congrats Amy and family!

Ginny and Willow!



Ginny (left) and Willow (above) are in their new homes. Not living

together, but each enjoying their respective families!
Congrats to Ginny, Willow, and their adopters!!

We are so very happy to report that all 7 cats that our late, beloved Bill “The Cat Guy” left in Cat NAPS care, are all in their new loving homes!

Remember Clover kneading a forever home? Someone saw the video, fell in love with her, and now she makes lots of biscuits for her new family!

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Sadly, all of us at Cat NAPS are mourning the loss of a beloved friend and volunteer, Joseph "Andy" Young. With his family by his side, Andy peacefully passed away at home on April 15th.

He was a true asset to our organization. We miss him dearly.

Please join us in extending deepest sympathies to his wife Karen, son Jay, cats Elise & Sam, and his entire family.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for donations be made to Cat NAPS in loving memory of Andy.

Ways you can continue to help Cat NAPS of Pottstown, Inc.

Cat NAPS is part of the Redner's receipt program. Save your Redner's receipts for us! If you don't have a Redner's card, visit their Customer Service Desk!

Mail your receipts to:

Cat NAPS of Pottstown, Inc.; PO Box 453, Gilbertsville, PA 19525

If you shop on Amazon, just go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) to make your purchases and choose Cat NAPS of Pottstown, Inc. as your charity!

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EVENTS and WEBSITE:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- July TBD – Scoop Night
Coventry Ice Cream Parlor**
- BINGO at Bella Italia
Postponed until THIS FALL**
- Saturday, September 7th
POTTSTOWN PET FAIR!**

In April, we created art at Hammer & Stain, Pottstown!

WE THANK YOU & APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT, ALWAYS!