

OTHER COMMON HAZARDS TO BIRDS



- Animals (cat and dog saliva)
- Aquariums if uncovered (birds cannot swim)
- Carpet if toenails will snag
- Carpet fresh products
- Ceiling fans
- Children (unless they are supervised and/or know how to handle birds – age and maturity of the child is important, but do not forget they have friends who should not handle the bird without your supervision)
- Chimneys/Fireplaces/Wood stoves
- Curtains or drapes if toenails can get caught
- Electrical cords – may be electrocuted and could start a fire
- Electrical fixtures, appliances, and wires
- Feet – watch the floor even if you think the bird is on its T-stand. If you leave it for even a minute, it may come looking for you.
- Fannies – look where you sit
- Hair spray and other sprays
- Jewelry of all kinds – looks so pretty and sparkly – it may be easily swallowed
- Lead – don't forget the lead weights used in drapes
- Mirrors
- Phone cords – easy to strangle
- Plug-in air fresheners
- Pots and skillets on the kitchen stove
- Pots and skillets – even those not coated with Teflon have plastic handles – don't let the handle get too hot
- PTFE – Polytetrafluoroethylene – Fumes given off by non-stick pans (Teflon and Silver-stone) that is overheated to 563 degrees or higher. (280 or higher, Celsius). Very toxic to birds, death can occur within minutes. There is no cure for birds that inhale the fumes – they recover on their own or they die.**
- Self-cleaning ovens – be sure your bird is outside when you clean the oven – the fumes are **TOXIC**.
- Space heaters
- Stained glass decorations (they contain lead)
- Stove tops – hot burners
- Windows – open or closed

Teflon coating is on many new appliances – hand held hair dryers, toasters, room or space heaters, electric appliances (electric stir-fry pans may not have to be overheated to give off deadly fumes), non-stick coated irons and ironing board covers, etc., etc., etc.

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