

Common Houseplants that are **Safe** and **Unsafe** for Cats

Ever wondered if any of your houseplants are unsafe for your favorite felines? Thinking of shopping around for new plants to spice up your living space? Below are common houseplants that are safe as well as those that are toxic to cats.

SAFE = HARMLESS

<Calatheas / Prayer Plants>

A tropical-looking, non-toxic and very easy plant to care for



<Spider Plants>

A low maintenance and non-toxic alternative to snake plants



<African Violets>

A pretty flowering houseplant that is safe for cats



<Orchids (Orchidaceae family)>

These are a beautiful and harmless alternative to lilies



<Sword fern / Boston fern>

A large and fluffy houseplant that is safe if accidentally consumed by our feline friends



<Rosemary, parsley, basil, dill>

These cooking herbs are safe for cats should you wish to grow them in your garden or kitchen



<Oat, wheat, barley, alfalfa, and rye grass>

These grasses are safe for cats to nibble on and are a common component of "cat grass"



UNSAFE = HARMFUL

<Lilies (Lilium, Hemerocallis spp.)>

MOST dangerous plant for cats. Causes rapid, life threatening kidney damage



<Philodendron>

Causes severe irritation and inflammation of the mouth, throat, stomach, and even windpipe



<Jade>

Causes depression, weakness, vomiting, and incoordination



<Snake Plants>

Causes nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and dehydration



<Rhododendron>

Causes drooling, loss of appetite, stomach upset, weakness, incoordination, weak heart rate



<Lily of the Valley>

Causes the heart to beat abnormally and possibly stop



<Aloe Vera>

Causes vomiting, diarrhea, severe dehydration, lethargy, depression, loss of appetite, tremors, change in urine color



Remember: these lists are *not complete* and there are *many other* plants that are safe and unsafe for cats - if you are ever concerned that your cat has consumed a potentially toxic plant, contact a veterinarian or the pet poison helpline (855-764-7661) immediately. Pet poison helpline website: petpoisonhelpline.com