Over-the-Counter vs. Prescription Medicines

Directions: Sort the statements by number in the correct place in the Venn diagram.

**OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC) MEDICINES**
1. Children should use only with permission of a parent or trusted adult.
2. Should only be used by the person for whom the medicine was ordered.

**PRESCRIPTION (Rx) MEDICINES**
3. Prescribed by a doctor or nurse practitioner for one person.
4. The medicine label, including the directions, must be read and followed carefully before use.
5. Can buy without a doctor's prescription.
6. Dangerous to misuse or abuse.
7. A healthcare professional or your local poison center can answer questions about this medicine.

**About Medicines: Rx, OTC, or Both?**

**Did you know?** In 2015, America’s poison centers managed about 630,000 medicine exposure cases involving children, tweens, and teens.