



Maryland Poison Center

University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

- The **Maryland Poison Center** is certified by the American Association of Poison Control Centers as a regional poison center and has provided poisoning triage, treatment recommendations, education, and prevention services to Marylanders since 1972.
- The mission of the **Maryland Poison Center** is to decrease the cost and complexity of poisoning and overdose care while maintaining and/or improving patient outcomes.
- A quick call to the **Maryland Poison Center** is faster and a lot less expensive than going to the emergency room. Seventy three percent of all cases reported to the Maryland Poison Center are managed safely at home!
- The center is open 24 hours a day, every day of the year, and is accessible by calling **1-800-222-1222**.
- Experts at the **Maryland Poison Center** handled over 65,000 calls in 2008, involving household cleaners, medicines, snake and spider bites, industrial accidents, chemicals, animal poisonings, drug information, and more.
- The staff of the **Maryland Poison Center** consist of pharmacists and nurses with specialized clinical toxicology training. All have been certified by the AAPCC as Specialists in Poison Information. These twelve Specialists have over 130 years of combined experience managing poisoning and overdose cases!
- The Director of the program is board certified in Clinical Toxicology. The Medical Director is board certified in Emergency Medicine and Medical Toxicology.
- The **Maryland Poison Center** promotes poison prevention through educational materials, programs for children and adults, and exhibits at health fairs and events. Education for health professionals is accomplished through classes, in-services, publications, and on-site training.

The **Maryland Poison Center** is a program of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in Baltimore.

For more information on the **Maryland Poison Center**, log on to www.mdpoison.com