



Maryland Poison Center

University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

- The **Maryland Poison Center** is certified by the American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC) 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.
- The center is open 24 hours a day, every day of the year, and is accessible by calling **1-800-222-1222**.
- A quick call to the **Maryland Poison Center** is faster and a lot less expensive than going to the emergency room. More than 70% of all cases reported to the Maryland Poison Center are managed safely at home, saving valuable health care resources!
- Experts at the **Maryland Poison Center** handled over 62,000 calls in 2010, involving household cleaners, medicines, snake and spider bites, industrial accidents, and chemicals.
- Pharmacists and nurses with specialized clinical toxicology training staff the **Maryland Poison Center**. These experts are certified by the AAPCC as Specialists in Poison Information. The thirteen Specialists that answer your calls have over 140 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 located within the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in Baltimore.

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