



- The Maryland Poison Center is certified by the American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC) as a regional poison center and provides poisoning treatment advice, education, and prevention services to Maryland and the District of Columbia.
- The mission of the 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 reached 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. About two-thirds of all cases reported to the Maryland Poison Center are managed safely at home!
- Experts at the Maryland Poison Center manage more than 37,000 cases each year. Just over 30,000 of these are human exposures involving household cleaners, medicines, snake and spider bites, plants, and chemicals in the home and workplace.
- Pharmacists and nurses with specialized clinical toxicology training answer your calls to the center. They are experts who are certified by the AAPCC as Specialists in Poison Information. These 19 Specialists have over 250 years of combined experience managing poisoning and overdose cases!
- Medical direction for the Maryland Poison Center is provided by medical and clinical toxicologists - physicians and pharmacists with advanced training and board certification in managing poisoned patients.
- The 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.
- Every dollar spent on poison center services saves \$13.39 in health care costs. The Maryland Poison Center along with the other 53 poison centers in the United States save \$1.8 billion dollars each year.

The Maryland Poison Center is part of the Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in Baltimore.

For more information on the Maryland Poison Center, visit [www.mdpoison.com](http://www.mdpoison.com)