

Poisonings can happen to anyone... Washington Poison Center is here to help.

Washington Poison Center is your statewide, nonprofit resource on poison prevention and drug safety.

As one of 53 poison centers nationwide, we have been supporting community members and healthcare professionals for 69 years in navigating times of concern and crisis. **Our specially trained pharmacists, nurses, and physicians help more than 60,000 patients each year, 24/7/365**, with drug questions, potential poisonings, and overdose emergencies.

Our Mission: To prevent and reduce harm from poisoning through expertise, collaboration, and education.

We accomplish this through:

- 24/7/365 Poison Helpline
- Clinical Education
- Public Health Education
- Resources for Government
- Resources for Community Organizations
- Providing Data and Research
- Community Outreach
- Resources for Corporate Partners

We are also more than just a hotline - we are a community resource dedicated to poisoning prevention. Our Public Health Education Team travels across Washington to meet communities where they are, providing actionable information and empowering them to make healthy and safe decisions.

Washington Poison Center is a proven cost-saving resource.

Nine times out of ten, we are able to treat people at home, **saving \$23 million in unnecessary healthcare expenses**, reducing the burden on healthcare facilities, and freeing up space in emergency rooms for patients in need.



2024 Quick Stats

Poison Helpline: 1-800-222-1222

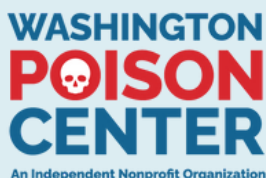
In 2024, we handled **119,731 calls** for a total of **62,166 patients**:

- **55,496 patients** called about potential poisonings
- **6,643 patients** called for information only
- We treated **93% of patients** who called us first at home, avoiding the cost and stress of a hospital visit
- More than **27% of patients** were already in a healthcare facility - their care team called us for guidance and treatment recommendations
- There are only **5 board-certified medical toxicologist physicians** in Washington - we ensured communities and healthcare providers had 24/7 access to their expertise

Public Health Education

In 2024, we:

- Participated in **188 events** reaching **11,408 Washingtonians**
- Distributed **22,441 Mr. Yuk stickers**
- Conducted outreach to refugee and immigrant communities in **23 languages**
- **Trained 1,431 people** on administering naloxone and distributed **2,290 doses of naloxone**



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