

Do You Know About The Poison Control Center?

In response to the ever-increasing number of poison hazards, many countries throughout the world have established poison centers. There are approximately 52 regional poison centers in the United States certified by the American Association of Poison Control Centers.

The poison center provides accurate up-to-date information about potential hazards and recommends treatment as needed.

Emergency information can be provided efficiently 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The poison center can supply your doctor or hospital with specific information to assist with medical care. Educational materials and prevention programs are also available.

The American Association of Poison Control Centers is a nationwide organization of poison centers and concerned individuals dedicated to education and research to decrease and prevent accidental poisoning. The AAPCC works with your local poison center as well as government and industry to make life safer from the hazards of poisons.

The best treatment for a poisoning is to prevent it from ever happening. Keep the telephone number of this poison control center near your phone. Do not hesitate to call for assistance or information.

Children's Hospital of Michigan's Poison Control Center handles over 70,000 calls annually, assessing the significance of exposures and recommending first aid or medical evaluation if needed.

The Poison Control Center uses a specialized library that is continually being expanded and updated to reflect new product and treatment information. Trained personnel are on duty 24 hours a day to answer questions or help with poisoning exposures.

Put (800) 222-1222 by your phone today. It could save a life!

Some DO's and Don'ts

1. Never eat any part of an unknown plant or mushroom. Teach your children never to put leaves, stems, bark, seeds, nuts or berries from any plant into their mouths.
2. Keep poisonous house plants out of reach of young children. Store bulbs and seeds out of sight and out of reach.
3. Identify the plants in your home or yard and determine their toxicity before something happens.
4. Do not assume a plant is not poisonous because birds or wildlife eat it.
5. Do not rely on cooking to destroy toxic chemicals in plants. Never use anything prepared from nature as a medicine or "tea".
6. Remember that any plant may cause unexpected reactions in certain individuals. Always check with the Poison Control Center or your physician if a plant has been ingested.

If a poisoning occurs,

call the Poison Control Center at

Children's Hospital of Michigan.

(800) 222-1222

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What About Plants?



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