

**THE NEW NATIONAL TOLL- FREE
POISON CENTER HOTLINE:
1-800-222-1222**

- One hundred percent of the U.S. population has access to the new toll-free national poison center number.
- The new poison center number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- The national number automatically connects callers to the closest local poison center. No matter where a person calls from, he or she will be connected to the closest poison center.
- Specially trained nurses, pharmacists and doctors answer calls to 1-800-222-1222.
- In most cases, callers can take care of the poison exposure problem with phone advice only. If hands-on medical treatment is necessary the poison center will call an ambulance and give treatment advice to the emergency care providers.
- Poison experts responding to the hotline help prevent poisonings by answering a wide range of poison-related questions concerning drug interactions, household dangers, insect bites, etc. Most poisonings are preventable by taking simple precautions.
- Existing local poison center numbers will still connect callers to their local poison centers.
- The new poison center number is being promoted on the new Poison HELP logo. The logo can be found on buttons, flyers, stickers, magnets, brochures and other outreach material.

