

POISON PERIL

Poisonings are more common—and more deadly—than you realize

POISON Help
1-800-222-1222

Poisonings are preventable and treatable and there's a resource to help: the **Poison Help line, 1-800-222-1222**, which connects you to your poison center. The nurses, pharmacists, doctors and poison experts that staff the line 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, can give you free and confidential advice from how to handle an emergency to how to protect your family from poison dangers. To learn more, visit www.PoisonHelp.hrsa.gov.

How Common is Poisoning?

Drug-related poisonings cause nearly

700,000

visits to hospital emergency rooms each year.¹

Poisonings cause more than

35,000

deaths each year.²



Who's at Risk?

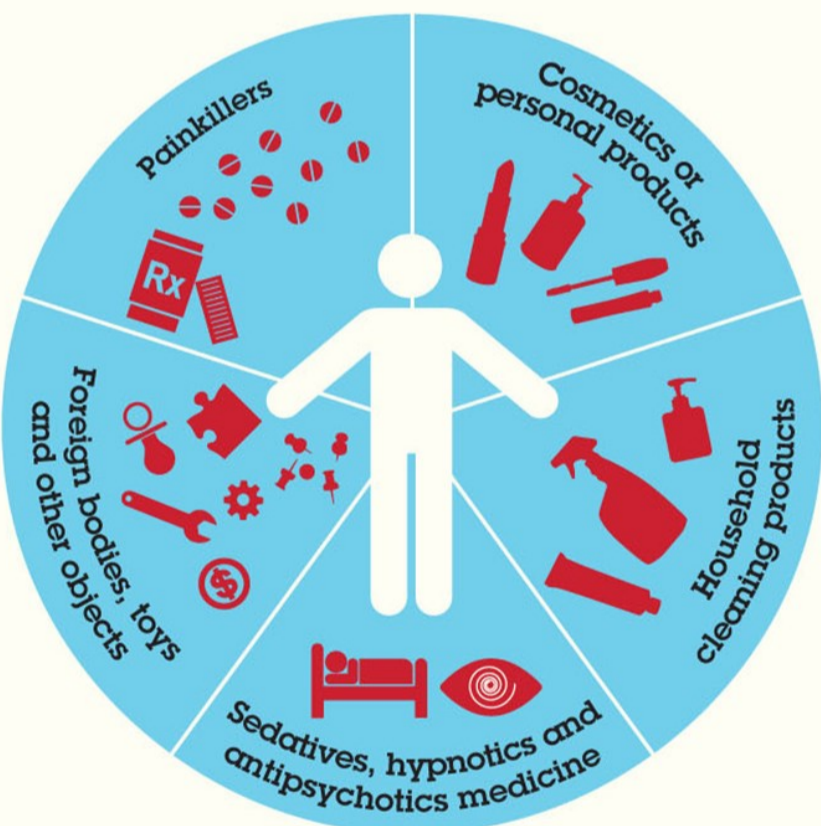


Young people are the most likely to be poisoned, with children under age six accounting for half of all poison exposures.³



9 out of 10 poisoning deaths occur among people over the age of 20.³

Top 5 Causes of Poisoning³



What Can You Do?

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Call the **Poison Help line, 1-800-222-1222**, if someone you know may have been poisoned or just to ask a question.

Call 911 if someone is unconscious or has trouble breathing.



Program the **Poison Help line** into your cell and home phones.

Share this information with family & friends.



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