



Illinois Poison Center  
**POISON  
HELP**  
1•800•222•1222



## Trusted poison information and advice, when you need it most.

The Illinois Poison Center's (IPC) toll-free, confidential 24-hour helpline is staffed by specially trained medical experts who provide comprehensive and trusted information and advice on potentially harmful substances.

### Our contribution to Illinois public health in 2021

75k

MANAGED CASES TOTAL

- **68.3k** required advice on treating someone exposed to a potentially harmful substance.
- **Nearly 39%** involved children aged 5 and under.

21.3k

CASES FROM HOSPITALS

- Medical professionals throughout Illinois turn to IPC for specialized consultation services.

30k

ER VISITS PREVENTED

- **90%** of poison exposure cases resolved over the phone, eliminating the need for referral to a healthcare facility.
- **87.3k** follow-up calls on poisoning exposures.

### Economic impact

\$60m

ANNUAL COST SAVINGS

- IPC prevents unnecessary utilization of healthcare resources
- **70%** of people will use local emergency services if a poison center is not available, overburdening hospitals and creating unnecessary medical costs.
  - Consulting a poison center shortens the average length of stay for admitted poisoned patients by **1-3 days**.

### Education and outreach

102k

REACHED BY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

- IPC provides education to the public and healthcare providers
- The online **Poison Prevention Education Course and Resource Center** is free to all.
  - IPC is a partner in the Toxikon Consortium, one of the largest and most successful professional toxicology training programs in the nation. In the past 5 years, IPC has provided experiential toxicology training to **over 1k** healthcare students and professionals.