



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 2025

**73.5k**

**MANAGED CASES TOTAL**

- **69.4k** required advice on treating someone exposed to a potentially harmful substance.
- **Nearly 36%** involved children aged 5 and under.

**21.5k**

**CASES FROM HOSPITALS**

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

**31.3k**

**ER VISITS PREVENTED**

- **92%** of poison exposure cases resolved over the phone, eliminating the need for referral to a healthcare facility.
- **83k** follow-up calls on poisoning exposures.

### Economic impact

**\$100m**

**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 **1.25 days**.

### Education and outreach

**31k**

**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.