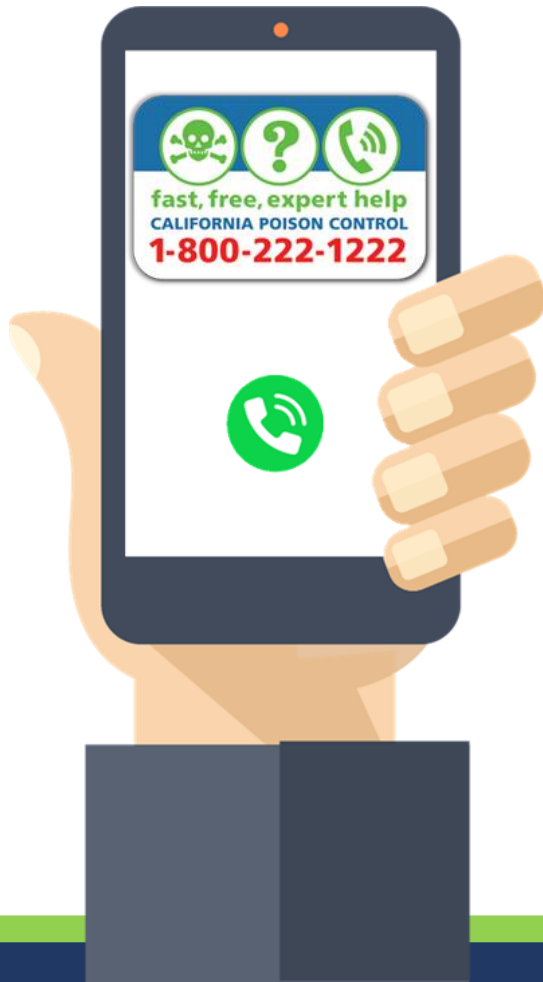


California Poison Control System



Agenda:

- CA Poison Hotline
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- Poison Prevention during COVID-19
- Poison Control Resources

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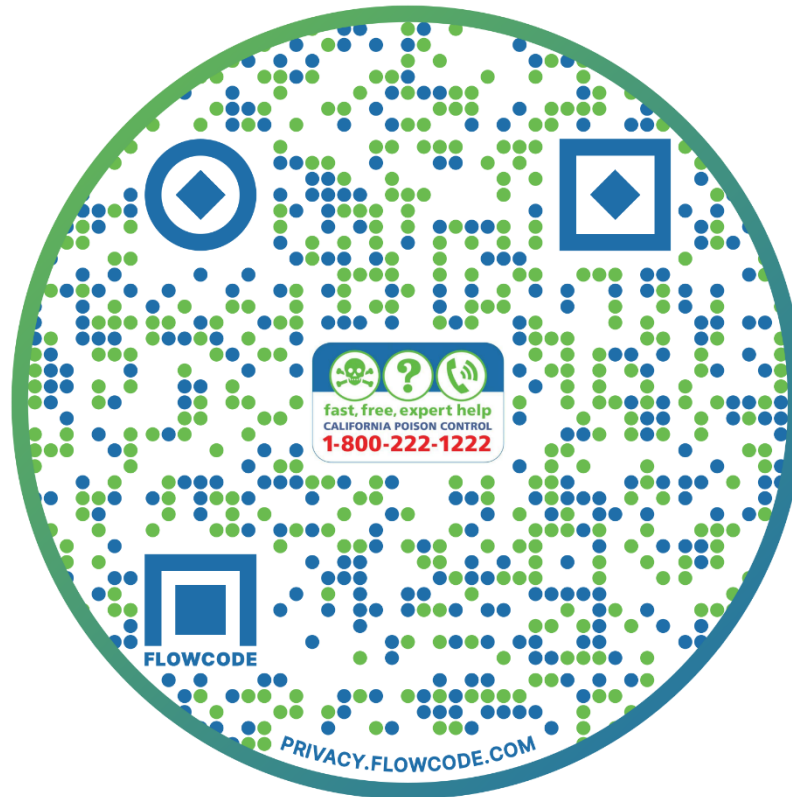
California Poison Control System

California Poison Control System (CPCS) is the:

- Designated and accredited poison center for the state of California.
- Primary source for poison information and treatment advice.

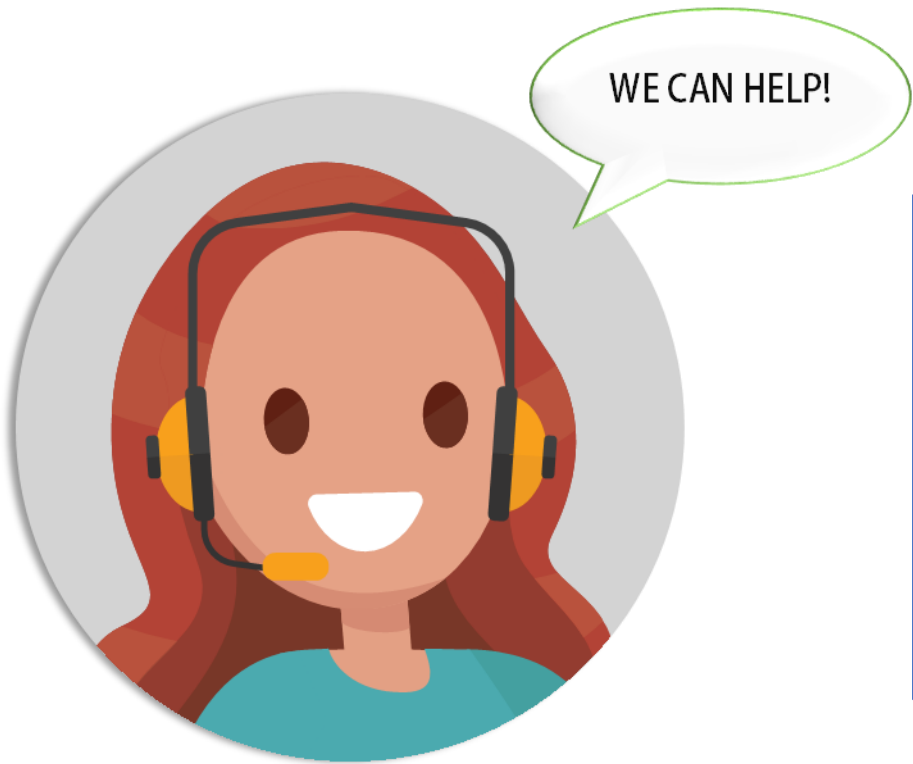


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Poison Control Hotline for the General Public



- Fast, free, expert help.
- 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year!
- Translation services in over 200 languages
- Safe and confidential.

Hotline for Healthcare Professionals

Did you know healthcare professionals also call CA Poison Control for help?

- Emergency physicians
- Family physicians
- Pediatricians
- Nurses
- Paramedics



Hotline for Healthcare Professionals



- California health professionals can call a dedicated, toll-free number for access to CPCS health professionals to assist with patient care.
- 9-1-1 dispatchers obtain access through their dedicated phone line to assist with emergency calls to 911 in California as needed.

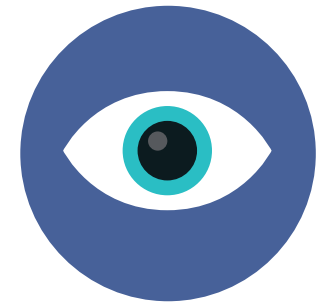
Poison Facts



What is a Poison?

Anything that is harmful if :

- You eat, drink, or breath it in
- It gets on your skin or eyes
- It gets in your bloodstream



The Poison Problem

#1 LEADING CAUSE OF INJURY
RELATED DEATHS



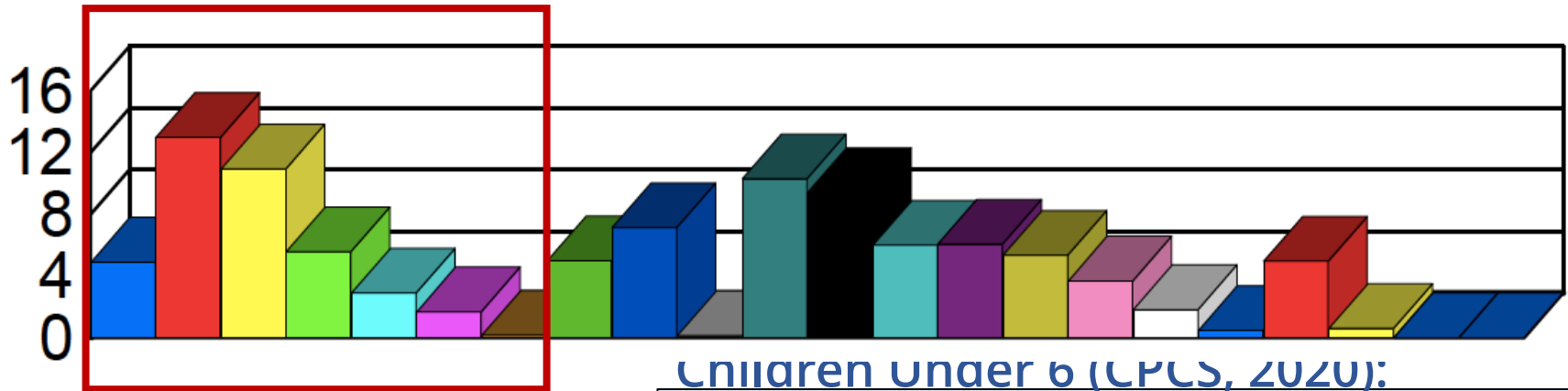
Common Poisonings

- About **80%** of poisonings occur at home.
- Almost half of poisonings occur in children **under 6 years of age**.



California Statistics

Children Under 6



Children under 6 (CPCS, 2020):

- 40% of all poisonings in CA.
- 86,000+ exposure case calls.
- 99.6% due to unintentional poisonings.
- 89% managed on site by calling CPCS.



Poisoning Risks in Children

Children are at high risk of getting poisoned when:

- Products are not stored properly & safely.
- Given too much of or the wrong medicine.
- Not watched or supervised by adults.



Children & Medicine

Medicines are a leading cause of serious & sometimes fatal poison ingestions in children.



Children & Medicine

WHY?

- Medicines & vitamins often look like candy.
- Children imitate adults when they see them taking medicine.
- Adults mistakenly call medicine “candy” to get children to take medicine.



**Gummy
Calcium
Supplement**



Gummy Candy

Baby Safety Month



Baby Safety Month

- Baby Safety Month is observed every September
- It is a month focused on infant safety and steps you can take to protect your baby

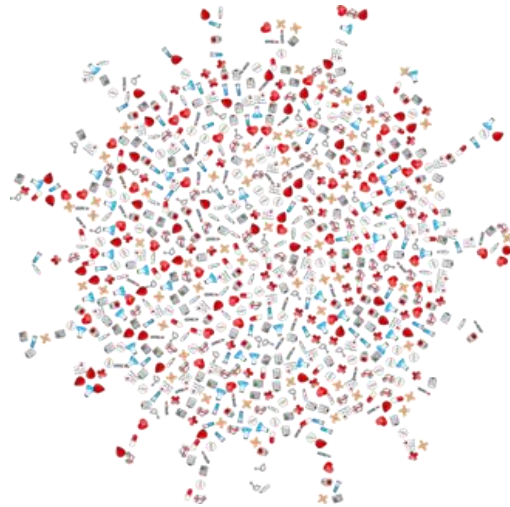


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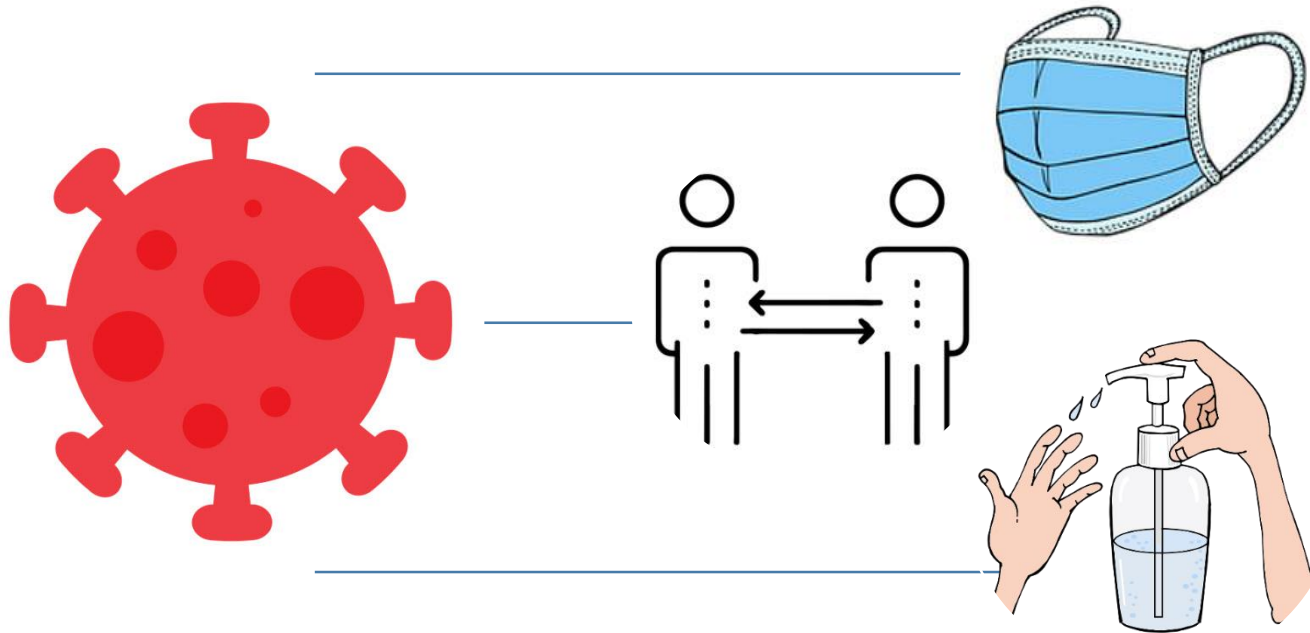
- Lock up and away medicine, laundry detergent pods, cleaning products etc.
- Always look after and supervise babies.
- Know when to call 911 or visit the Emergency Room:
 - If a child is choking, unconscious, or uncontrollably shaking.
 - If a child has swallowed button batteries.
- Save the Poison Control number, **1-800-222-1222**, into all phones



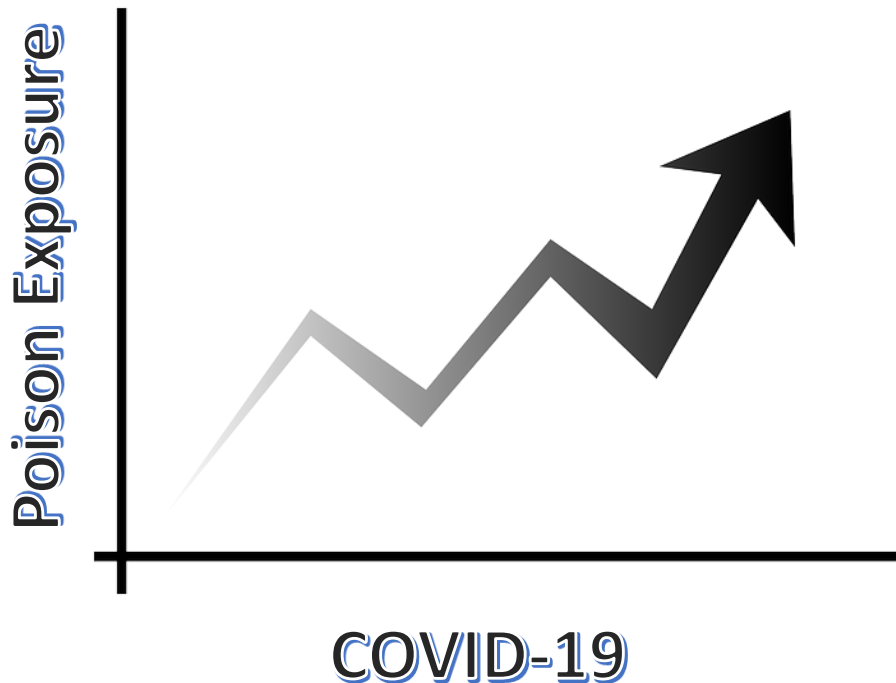
Poison Prevention During COVID-19



COVID-19 Impacts on Poison Exposure



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COVID-19 Pandemic =
Increase in Poison
Exposures Nationwide

- 20% increase in poison exposure calls.
- Misuse of cleaners and disinfectants.
- Over 40% increase in children ingesting hand sanitizers.

Poison Prevention During COVID-19

HOW TO Prevent Accidental Poisonings



Do not ingest cleaning products



Consult with your doctor before taking any new medications and supplements



Thoroughly wash hands with soap and water before and after food handling



Only wash and scrub fruits and vegetables under running water before cooking and eating



Monitor children when using hand sanitizers—only use a dime-sized amount on the skin



Never mix cleaning products—only use as directed

STRATEGIES TO Poison Proof Your Home

- Store medications and hand sanitizers out of sight and reach from children
- Lock away cleaning products when not in use and keep in original containers
- Keep bags containing medications and cleaners off the floor and out of reach from children

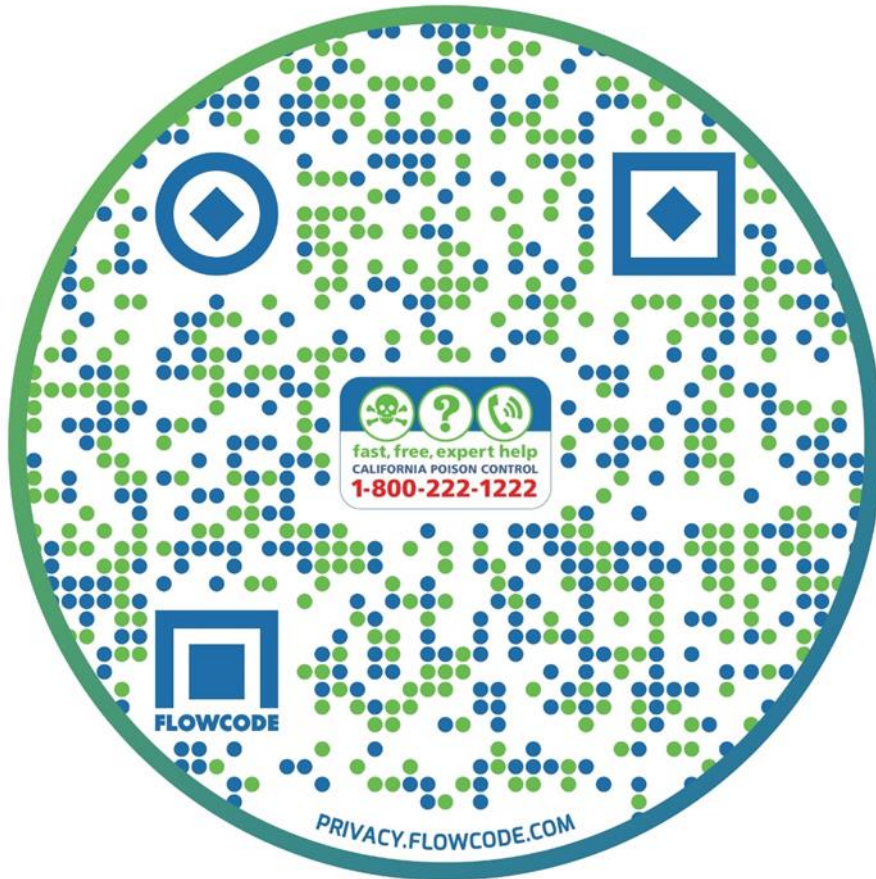


Stay poison safe during this COVID-19 pandemic by following these poison prevention practices.

California Poison Control System Resources



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Sign-Up for Text Tips



Be Poison Safe with Weekly Text Tips!

Text TIPS to 20121 for
information in English OR
text PUNTOS to 20121
for Spanish



Don't Guess. Be Sure.

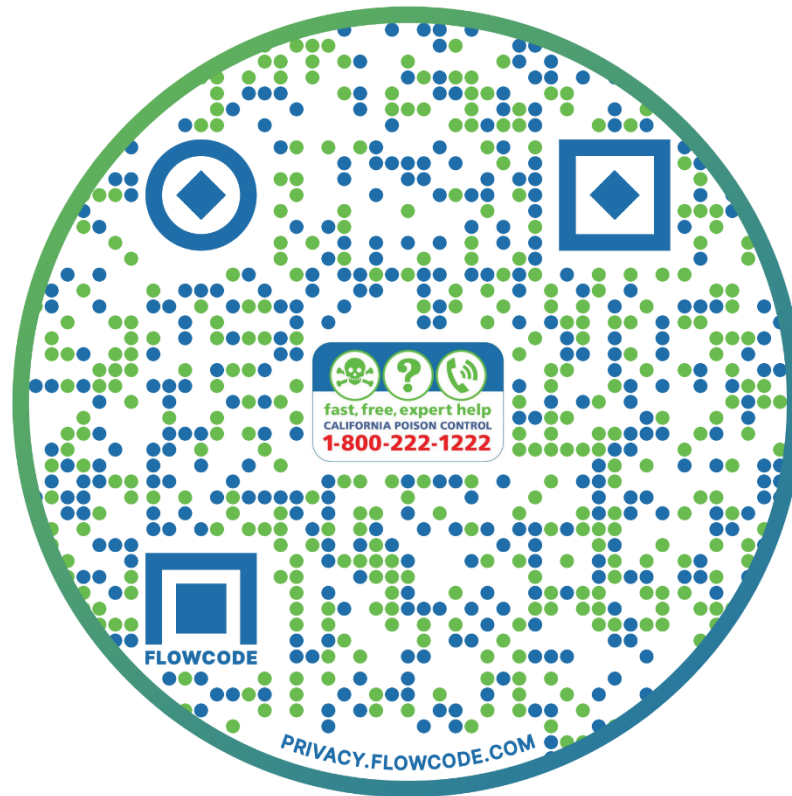
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Always Be Prepared



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Questions?

Poison-related Questions?

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