

# When Poison Happens, We're Here for You

*NJ Poison Control Center Celebrates  
National Poison Prevention Week 2023*

1-800-222-1222



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Jersey  
Poison  
Center**







**THE NEW JERSEY POISON  
CONTROL CENTER AND POISON  
CONTROL CENTERS AROUND THE  
COUNTRY ARE CELEBRATING  
NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION  
WEEK (NPPW), OBSERVED THIS  
YEAR ON MARCH 19-25TH.**

This week is dedicated to promoting the importance of recognizing accidental poisoning risks, preventing injuries, and raising awareness about the life-saving services the nation's network of 55 poison control centers provide to callers on the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222

“When life happens, calling your local poison control center for help can make a difference between a mild health effect and a serious one

**Bruce Ruck**

Managing Director

[New Jersey Poison Control Center](#)

[Rutgers New Jersey Medical School](#)





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Our medical staff's expertise and fast response provides callers with the medical help they need, right at home

Most callers never need to go to the emergency room or spend money on medical costs

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**Bruce Ruck**



Guessing whether a concern is a medical emergency, waiting for symptoms to appear, or wasting time searching for medical information online can delay medical treatment and lead to more severe health effects.

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In celebrating this important injury prevention week, the NJ Poison Control Center together with Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH) invite the public to attend the [\*\*2023 National Poison Prevention Week Health and Safety Resource Fair\*\*](#) on Saturday, March 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the [\*\*Middlesex County Fire Academy\*\*](#) in Sayreville, NJ.


Through this event, attendees will learn safety practices to prevent accidental poisoning and the importance of contacting the NJ Poison Control Center if someone has come into contact with a potentially dangerous product or substance.

Community agencies and organizations interested in tabling at the 2023 National Poison Prevention Week Health and Safety Resource Fair can register [here](#).

The state's poison control center and CSH recognize that everyone should have access to information and resources to be healthy and safe. The event is inclusive of specific health and safety needs of people with disabilities and special health needs. See event details [here](#).





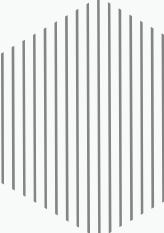


The Poison Help line is available anywhere in the U.S. and directly connects callers to their local poison control center.

Toxicology specialists including nurses, pharmacists and physicians provide callers with free, private/confidential, medical advice, 24 hours a day, every day of the year.



Although you may not have a questions or emergency now, save the Poison Help line (1-800-222-1222) as an emergency contact in your phone for a future concern — you just may save a life.



“When people first think of a poison control center, they may believe our services only apply to little ones who get into cleaners under the sink or older adults who mix up their medicines



**Bruce Ruck**

“In fact, our poison control center helps callers of all ages, in many languages, and for all types of poisoning exposures every day

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Accidents and mishaps often involve common products and substances found in our everyday environments besides medicines and chemicals. Other risks include recreational drugs (cannabis/marijuana edibles, vape liquids, and alcohol), food poisoning, bites and stings, carbon monoxide, medicine/substance overdose, toxic plants, and foreign bodies (coins, magnets, and batteries).

Along with helping the public, poison control center staff regularly consult with medical and emergency service providers in hospital emergency departments and healthcare facilities across the state to assist in the diagnosis and treatment of patients.

Studies show patients hospitalized after a poisoning exposure with poison control center assistance spend fewer days in the hospital than patients hospitalized without poison control center assistance.







# HELP PROMOTE NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK



**March 19–25, 2023**

[Click Here](#) for sharable resources and on-demand virtual events.

**There's something for everyone!**

Follow along on social media using **#NPPW23**

As National Poison Prevention Week nears, help the NJ Poison Control Center promote poison safety education.

Stay connected on social:

[Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#) [YouTube](#) [TikTok](#)

The poison control center's education department is available to provide poison safety programs, prevention education materials, and attend community events.

[Submit Requests Here](#) for community programs and education materials.





**Get Free  
Medical Help**  
**1-800-222-1222**

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**Medical specialists are  
available to provide  
information, answer questions,  
and provide emergency  
support 24 hours a day**

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**Anyone can call for medical  
help – children, teens, and adults**

**NJ Poison Control Center**  
is a medical resource for  
both the public and  
healthcare providers.

If you think someone came in  
contact with something dangerous,  
contact your local poison control  
center immediately.

Call the NJ Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222 or [Chat Here](#)

**If someone is not breathing, hard to wake up, or having a seizure, call 9-1-1**