



When the Unexpected Happens, We're Here for You
National Poison Prevention Week | March 17-23, 2024

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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 17-23rd.

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 people of all ages through the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222.

“National Poison Prevention Week serves as a reminder that prevention is our strongest antidote.

Bruce Ruck
Managing Director
[New Jersey Poison Control Center](#)
[Rutgers New Jersey Medical School](#)





Preventing potentially dangerous mishaps from occurring is an important step in protecting the wellbeing of loved ones.

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.



1-800-222-1222



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“When the unexpected happens and you’re unsure about potential dangers, call the New Jersey Poison Control Center for credible, poison information, advice, and treatment recommendations.

Bruce Ruck

The expertise and guidance provided by the center’s medical providers help quickly address emergencies, giving the caller peace of mind. Most callers never need to go to the emergency room or spend money on medical costs.

Accidents and mishaps often involve common products and substances found in our everyday environments besides medicines and household 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).

Although you may not have a question 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.



1-800-222-1222





The Poison Help line is available anywhere in the U.S. and directly connects people 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.

A translation service is available at no cost to callers who speak languages other than English.



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.





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Help the New Jersey Poison Control Center promote poison safety education. [Click here](#) for sharable resources and follow #NPPW24 on social media for safety tips and information. Stay connected on social: [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#) [YouTube](#) [TikTok](#)

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WHEN YOU MIX UP YOUR MEDICINE



WHEN THE UNEXPECTED HAPPENS



WHEN YOUR CHILD IS CURIOUS

The poison control center's education department is available to provide poison safety programs, prevention education materials, and attend community events. [Scan here to request free educational materials.](#)





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

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

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

[NJPoisonCenter.org](https://www.njpoisoncenter.org)

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 the New Jersey Poison
Control Center immediately.

**Call the New Jersey Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222 or [Chat Here](https://www.njpoisoncenter.org)
If someone is not breathing, hard to wake up, or having a seizure, call 9-1-1**