

The National Impact of U.S. Poison Centers

POISON CENTERS SAVE MONEY AND LIVES!

\$1 = \$16.77

DOLLARS SPENT  DOLLARS SAVED

Every dollar spent on services by Poison Centers generates an estimated \$16.77 in benefits.

 **SAVES
\$450 MILLION**
IN HEALTH CARE COSTS

America's Poison Centers estimates that federal appropriated funds to Poison Centers save **\$450 million annually** in health care costs.



\$3.1 BILLION
IN BENEFITS

Poison Centers provide benefits and savings to communities including:

- Fewer emergency room visits
- Reduced emergency transportation costs
- Shorter hospital stays
- Reduced risk of death



2 MILLION
EXPOSURE CASES

Poisonings are the leading cause of injury-related death, surpassing firearms and motor vehicle accidents. Poison Centers respond to more than **2 million exposure cases** annually.



8% DECREASE
IN FEDERAL, STATE, AND
PRIVATE FUNDING

Poison Centers have seen an **8 percent decrease in federal, state, and private funding from 2011 to 2024**. Poison Centers are doing more with less. Budget cuts remain an ongoing challenge and threat to the ability of Poison Centers to provide life-saving services across the U.S. and territories.



Poison Centers also provide other difficult-to-monetize benefits such as **prevention, education, enhanced emergency preparedness, and increased peace of mind**.



Poison Center services continue to evolve by:



1. Researching poisoning exposures, trends, and treatments.



2. Increasing role in disaster preparedness and response.



3. Offering new technology, such as online chat and text.



4. Managing non-poison hotlines for specialized areas, such as COVID-19 and rabies.