

# 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.



**\$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

**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.



**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.**