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41,137 Human Exposures

5,918 Information Cases



12,911 Hospital Cases

25,412 Exposures Age 19 and Under!



The CPC managed 27,800 cases where the poisoning occurred, saving the time & expense of an ED visit.

The CPC managed 57,994 inbound calls through its 24 hour hotline!

18,932 Medication Exposures

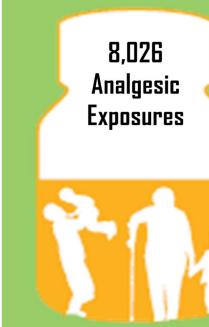
Poisoning is the second leading cause of unintentional death due to injury in the United States.

For every dollar spent on poison center services \$13.39 is saved in medical expenses.

\$13,874,980 savings to Colorado



48,918 Total Cases



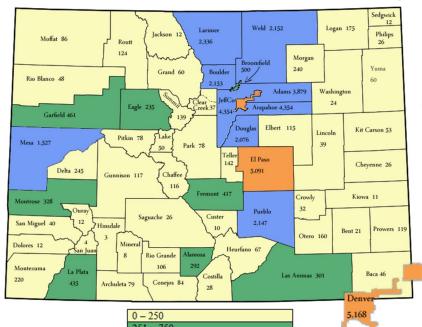


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Call by county to the Colorado Poison
Center These are not all the calls received by the poison center, as all calls with an area code for CO will be routed to the Colorado Poison Center. These are calls where the called identified a Colorado zip code as their call location.



## **Public Education**

The Colorado Poison Center distributed over 63,275 poison prevention brochures, stickers, magnets, and other educational materials in English and Spanish throughout Colorado. In addition Specialist from the CPC visited numerous cities in Colorado to present on Medication Safety and Poison Prevention as well as to participate in 18 health & safety fairs around the state!

### **Poisoning Data Collection**

The Colorado Poison Center submits all of Colorado's poisoning data to the American Association of Poison Control Centers' National Poison Data System. This data is used both nationally and locally to target poison prevention efforts, improve poisoning treatment, and identify poisoning trends.

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#### Need a Presenter for a conference or event?

The Colorado Poison Center is usually able to supply a clinical presenter for a regional or statewide event. Requests will be coordinated with the State Department of Health.

Who calls the poison center? Anyone can experience a poison emergency. Poison centers take calls from and manage cases about people of all ages, and can provide help in 150 languages. Each year about half of exposure cases managed by poison centers involve children younger than six, but many of the more serious cases occur among adolescents and adults.