

## Saving Lives with Answers...

Why is the Colorado Poison Center important?

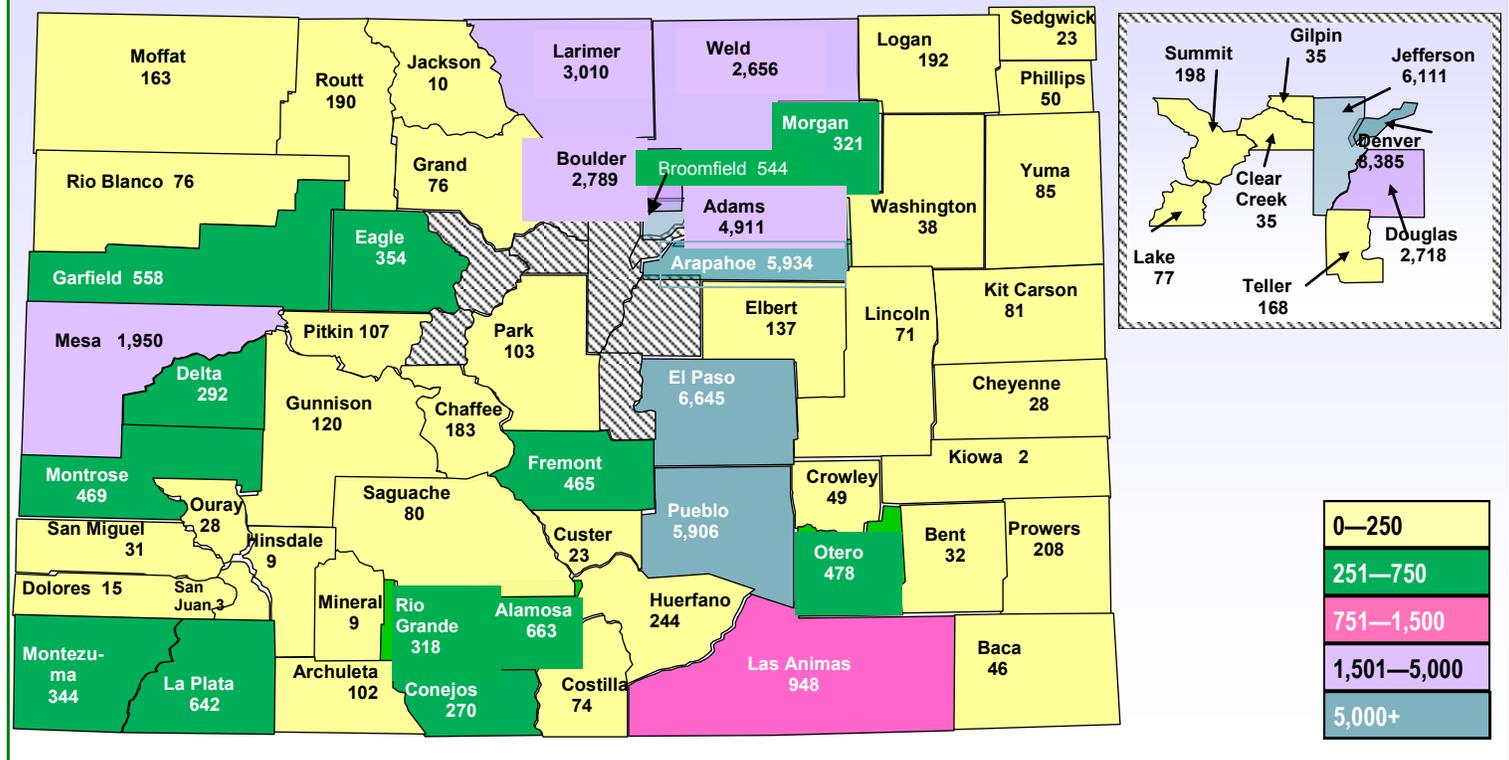
An estimated **\$ 20.0 million** in healthcare costs were saved in Colorado by utilizing the Colorado Poison Center to treat poisoning cases at the site of exposure rather than in an emergency department or doctor's office.

- Poisoning is the second leading cause of unintentional death due to injury in the United States.
- For every dollar spent on poison center services, \$11 is saved in medical expenses.
- The Colorado Poison Center staff provides emergency poison treatment information that may prevent an unnecessary hospital visit.

## 2012 Facts...

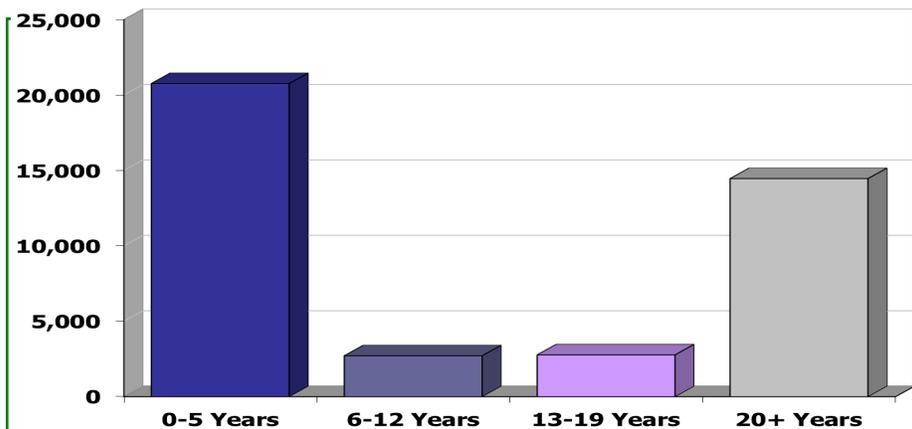
- The Colorado Poison Center managed **62,673** cases through its 24-hour hotline.
- **51%** of exposed cases involved children under age 5.
- **72%** of poison exposure calls that came from the public were treated on site where the poisoning occurred saving the time and costs of an emergency department visit.
- **28%** of exposures were referred into a doctor or other healthcare facility for treatment.

## Colorado Cases by County



# Summary of Results—Colorado 2012

## Exposure Cases by Age Group



0-5 Years		All Age Groups	
Less than 1 year	2,438	0-5 years	20,761
1 year old	6,730	6-12 years	2,712
2 years old	6,289	13-19 years	2,771
3 years old	2,917	20+ years	13,918
4 years old	1,533	Unknown, Child	112
5 years old	823	Unknown Age/Other	428
Unknown under 5	31		
<b>0-5 Years Total Cases</b>	<b>20,761</b>	<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>40,702</b>

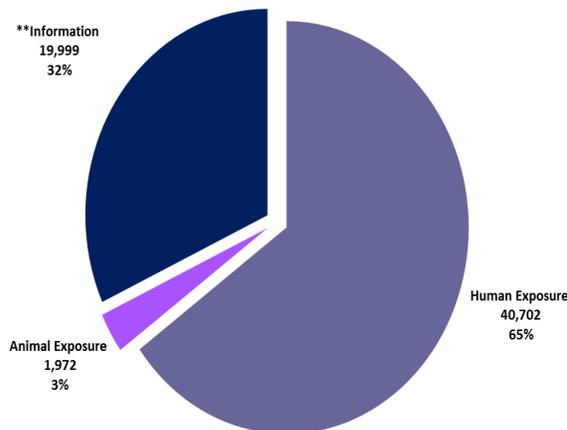
## Top Ten Most Common Poison Categories for Human Exposures

1. Analgesics 6,026
2. Cosmetics/Personal Care Prod. 3,128
3. Household Cleaning Substances 3,029
4. Sedatives/ Hypnotics 1,950
5. Antidepressants 1,768
6. Foreign Bodies, Toys 1,726
7. Antihistamines 1,475
8. Topical Preparations 1,468
9. Cardiovascular Drugs 1,411
10. Alcohols 1,191

## Top Ten Most Common Poison Categories for Children 0-5 Years

1. Analgesics 2,653
2. Cosmetics/Personal Care Prod. 2,450
3. Household Cleaning Substances 1,812
4. Foreign Bodies (toys, misc.) 1,285
5. Topical Preparations 1,198
6. Vitamins 796
7. Antihistamines 757
8. Plants 628
9. Gastrointestinal Preparations 599
10. Pesticides 537

## Cases by Type—Colorado 2012 62,673 Cases Managed by RMPDC Professionals



\*\*Drug ID IVR included

## Cases Management Site for 40,702 Human Exposures

