

Saving Lives with Answers...

Why is the Colorado Poison Center important?

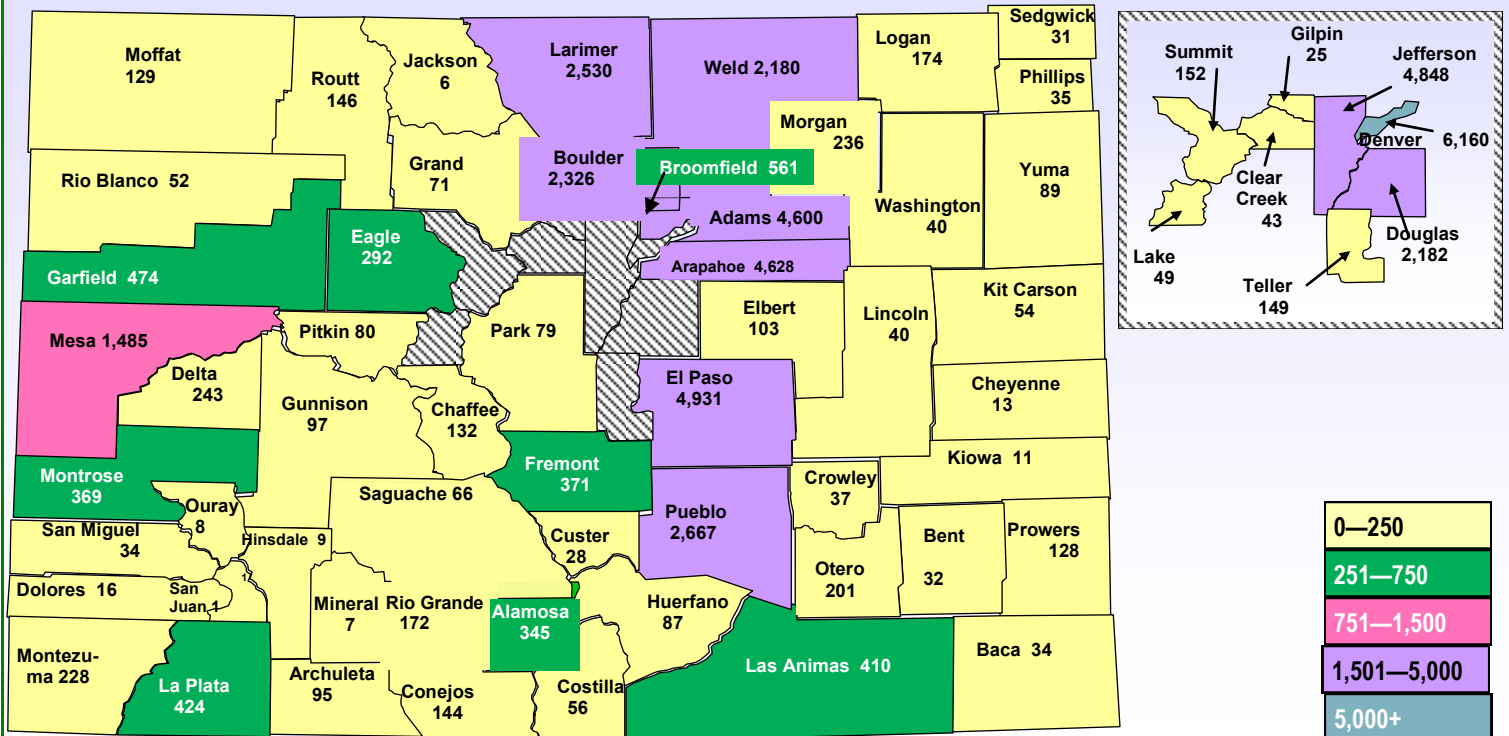
An estimated **\$18.2 million** in healthcare costs were saved in Colorado by utilizing the Colorado Poison Center to treat poisoning cases at the site of exposure rather than in an emergency department or doctor's office.

- Poisoning is the second leading cause of unintentional death due to injury in the United States.
- For every dollar spent on poison center services, **\$13.39** is saved in medical expenses.
- The Colorado Poison Center staff provides emergency poison treatment information that may prevent an unnecessary hospital visit.

2014 Facts...

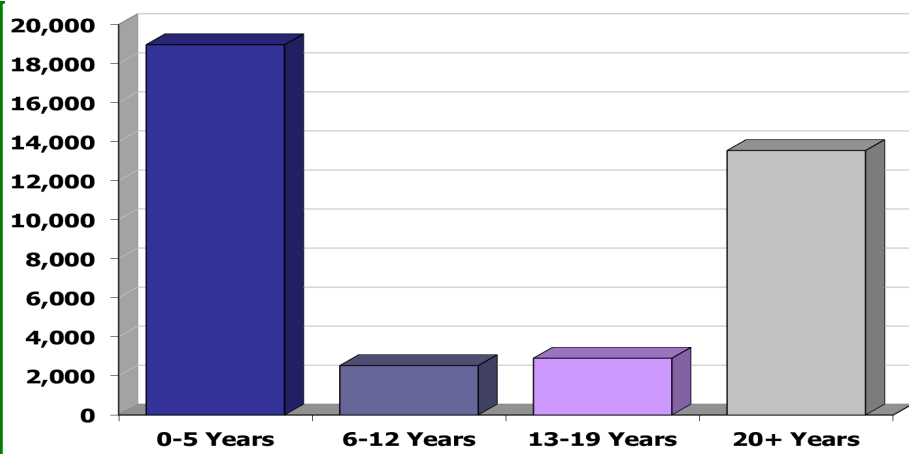
- The Colorado Poison Center managed **49,701** cases through its 24-hour hotline.
- **49%** of exposed cases involved children under age 5.
- **69%** of poison exposure calls that came from the public were treated on site where the poisoning occurred saving the time and costs of an emergency department visit.
- **31%** of exposures were referred into a doctor or other healthcare facility for treatment.

Colorado Cases by County



Summary of Results—Colorado 2014

Exposure Cases by Age Group



0-5 Years		All Age Groups	
Less than 1 year	2,324	0-5 years	18,969
1 year old	6,085	6-12 years	2,532
2 years old	5,696	13-19 years	2,910
3 years old	2,660	20+ years	13,549
4 years old	1,308	Unknown, Child	153
5 years old	816	Unknown Age/Other	635
Unknown under 5	80		
0-5 Years Total Cases	18,969	Total Cases	38,748

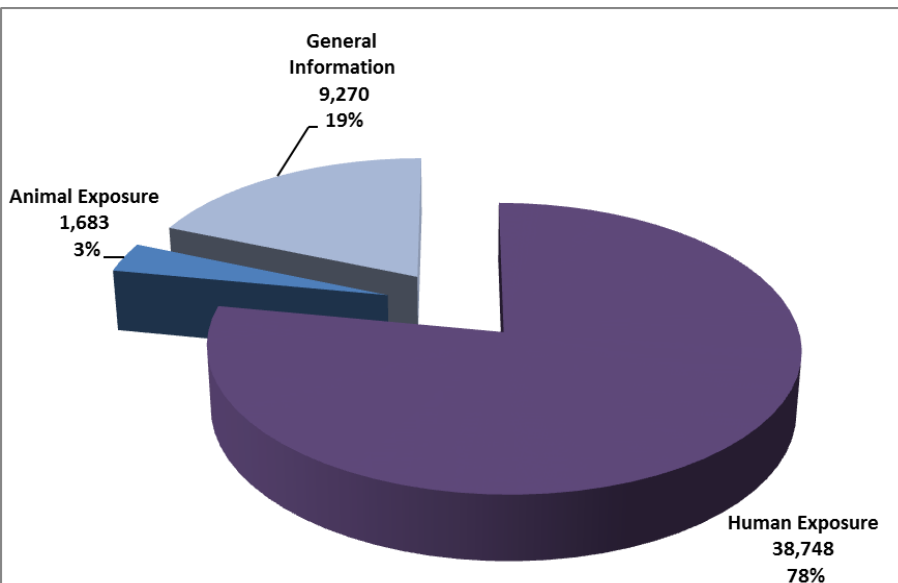
Top Ten Most Common Poison Categories for Human Exposures

1. Analgesics 5,654
2. Cosmetics/Personal Care Prod. 2,740
3. Household Cleaning Substances 2,490
4. Sedatives/ Hypnotics 1,875
5. Antihistamines 1,693
6. Foreign Bodies, Toys 1,592
7. Cardiovascular Drugs 1,361
8. Topical Preparations 1,331
9. Alcohols 1,154
10. Hormones 1,004

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

1. Analgesics 2,178
2. Cosmetics/Personal Care Prod. 2,057
3. Household Cleaning Substances 1,422
4. Foreign Bodies, Toys 1,129
5. Topical Preparations 1,041
6. Antihistamines 812
7. Vitamins 703
8. Gastrointestinal Preparations 578
9. Plants 520
10. Dietary Supplements 509

Cases by Type—Colorado 2014 49,701 Cases Managed by RMPDC Professionals



**Drug ID IVR included

Cases Management Site for 38,748 Human Exposures

