Hawaii Poison Center
2015 Annual Report 7/1/15 - 6/30/16

6,749 Human Exposures
2,397 Information Cases

2,500 Hospital Cases

The HPC managed 3268 cases where the poisoning occurred, saving the time & expense of an ED visit.

3,871 Exposures Age 19 and Under!

The HPC managed 11,530 inbound calls through its 24 hour hotline!

2,950 Medication Exposures
9,355 Total Cases

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.

$2,098,716 savings to Hawaii

1,863 Analgesic Exposures

Total Exposure to Plants, Animals & Pesticides: 803
Call by county to the HPC. These are not all the calls received by the HPC, as all calls with an area code for HI will be routed to the HPC. These are calls where the caller identified a Hawaii zip code as their call location.

Public Education

The Hawaii Poison Center mailed 178 and hand delivered another 300 poison prevention brochures, stickers, magnets, and other educational materials in English and Spanish throughout Hawaii. In addition, lectures were given by Shireen Banerji and Alyssa Guttenberg to Kapi‘olani Community College’s Department of EMS, Early Head Start, Hawaiian Islands Trauma Symposium, and Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition (KIPC)/Safe Kids Hawaii.

Poisoning Data Collection

The Hawaii Poison Center submits all of Hawaii’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.

Need a Presenter for a conference or event?

The Hawaii 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.