

Hawaii Poison Center  
2017 Annual Report 7/1/17 - 6/30/18

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**POISON**  
**Help**  
1-800-222-1222

6,454 Human Exposures



2,032 Outbound Calls



1,829 Healthcare  
Facility Cases

The HPC managed 3,955 cases where the poisoning occurred, saving the time & expense of an ED visit.

3,665 Exposures Age 19 and Under

The HPC managed 13,195 inbound calls through its 24 hour hotline!

3,013 Total Medication Exposures



7,853 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.

**\$2,005,383**  
savings to Hawaii

1,143  
Analgesic  
Exposures



Total Exposure to  
Plants & Pesticides  
489

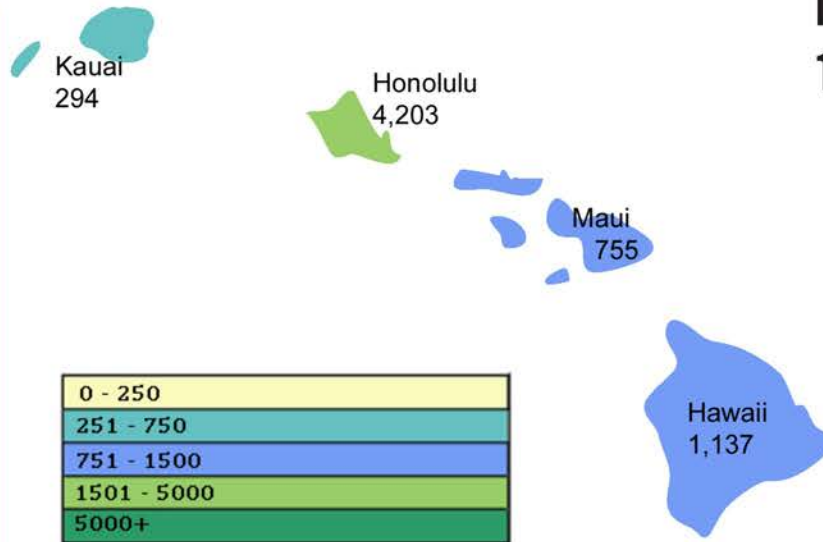


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Call by county to the HPC. These are not all the calls received by the HPC, as all calls with an area code for HI will be routed to the HPC. These are calls where the called identified a Hawaii zip code as their call location.



## 2017 Staff

**Medical Director**  
Richard Dart, MD

**Operations Manager**  
Scott Campbell

**Managing Clinical Toxicologist**  
Shireen Banerji,  
Pharm.D., DABAT

**Associate Medical Director**  
Christopher Hoyte,  
MD

**Public Education Coordinator**  
Alyssa Guttenberg,  
RN, CSPI

## Public Education

The Hawaii Poison Center mailed 12,500 poison prevention brochures, stickers, magnets, and other educational materials in English and Spanish for distribution throughout Hawaii. In addition, lectures were given by Shireen Banerji at the request of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Public Health.

## Professional/Public Education

The Hawaii Poison Center is able to provide on-site appearances for professional/public education on a limited capacity. If you are interested in having a presenter for your event, please call our Education line at 303-389-5506.

## Who calls the poison center?

Poison centers take calls from the public and healthcare professionals, managing 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.