

Saving Lives with Answers...

Why is the Hawaii Poison Center important?

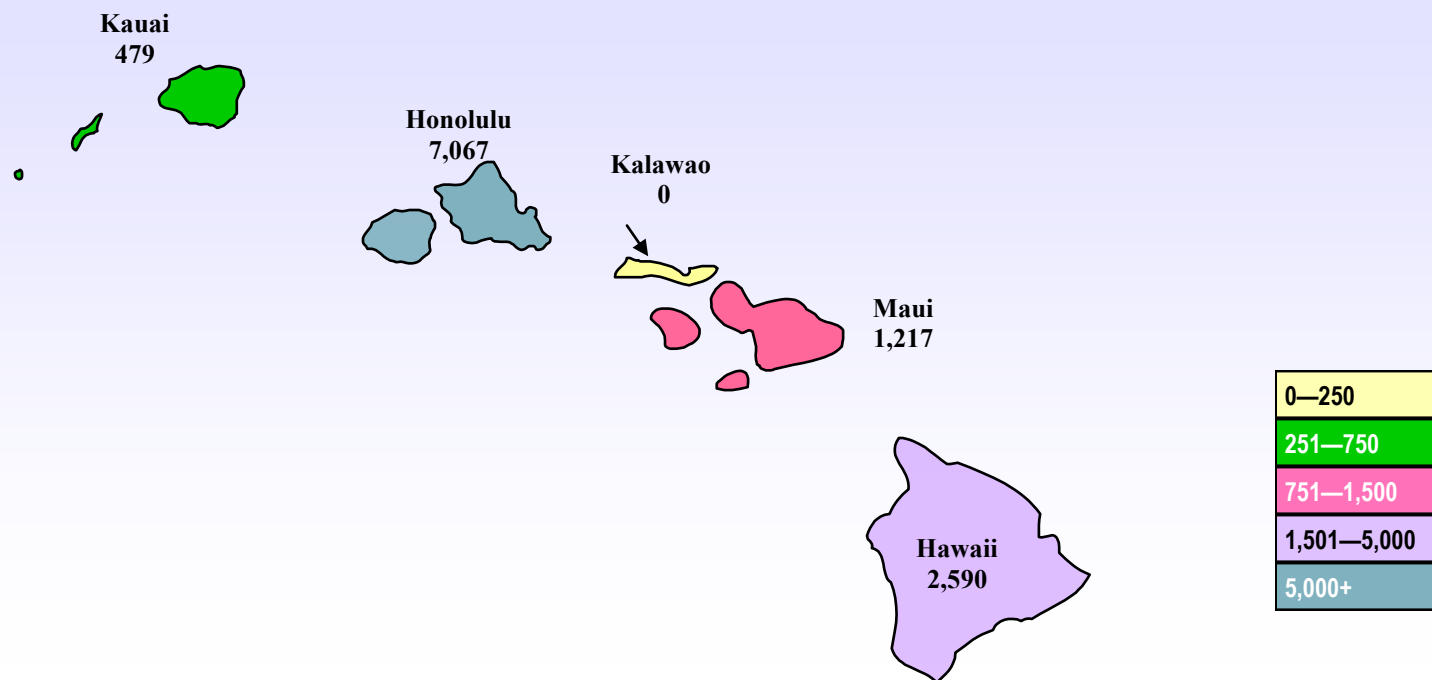
An estimated **\$ 3.0 million** in healthcare costs were saved in Hawaii by utilizing the Hawaii Poison Center to treat poisoning cases at the site of exposure rather than in an emergency department or doctor's office.

- 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 Hawaii Poison Center's staff provides emergency poison treatment information that may prevent an unnecessary hospital visit.

2012 Facts...

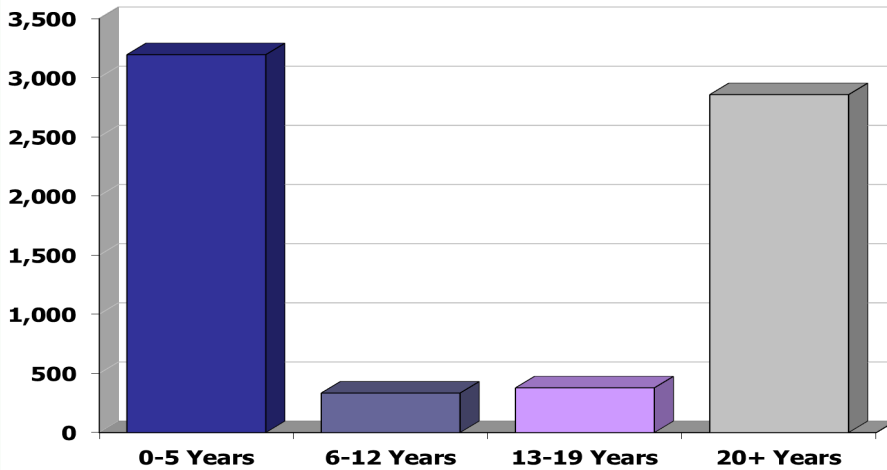
- The Hawaii Poison Center managed **11,712** cases through its 24-hour hotline. In addition there were **3,276** Hawaii HELP (VOG) calls.
- **47%** of exposed cases involved children under age 5.
- **67%** of poison exposure calls that came from the public were treated on site where the poisoning occurred saving the time and costs of an emergency department visit.
- **33%** of exposures were referred into a doctor or other healthcare facility for treatment.

Hawaii Cases by County



Summary of Results—Hawaii 2012

Exposure Cases by Age Group



0-5 Years		All Age Groups	
Less than 1 year	422	0-5 years	3,194
1 year old	1,094	6-12 years	334
2 years old	919	13-19 years	378
3 years old	422	20+ years	2,746
4 years old	216	Unknown, Child	13
5 years old	116	Unknown Age/Other	97
Unknown, 0-5 years	5		
0-5 Years Total Cases	3,194	Total Cases	6,762

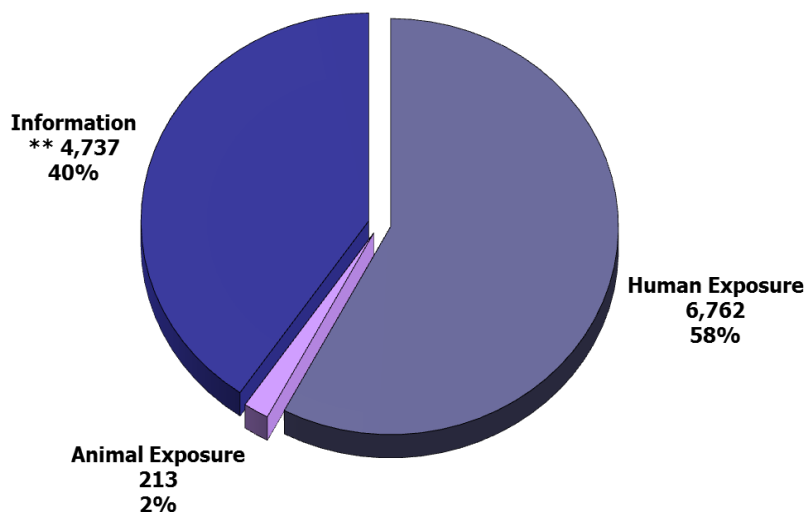
Top Ten Most Common Poison Categories for Human Exposures

1. Analgesics 962
2. Household Cleaning Substances 488
3. Cosmetics/Personal Care Prod. 478
4. Sedatives/Hypnotics 390
5. Foreign Bodies, Toys 352
6. Cardiovascular Drugs 307
7. Antidepressants 288
8. Pesticides 285
9. Bites and Envenomations 250
10. Topical preparations 244

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

1. Cosmetics/Personal Care Prod. 364
2. Analgesics 293
3. Foreign Bodies (Toys, Misc.) 281
4. Household Cleaning Substances 237
5. Topical Preparations 174
6. Pesticides 151
7. Vitamins 117
8. Cardiovascular Drugs 98
9. Antihistamines 93
10. Hormones and hormone antagonists 90

Cases by Type—Hawaii 2012 11,712 Cases Managed by RMPDC Professionals



**Drug ID IVR included

Case Management Site for 6,762 Human Exposures

