Why is the Montana Poison Center important?
An estimated $3.9 million in healthcare costs were saved in Montana by utilizing the Montana 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 Montana Poison Center staff provides emergency poison treatment information that may prevent an unnecessary hospital visit.

Montana Cases by County

2012 Facts...
- The Montana Poison Center received 16,956 calls through its 24 hour hotline.
- 54% of those calls 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.
Summary of Results—Montana 2012

Exposure Cases by Age Group

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Top Ten Most Common Poison Categories for Human Exposures

1. Analgesics 1,050
2. Cosmetics/Personal Care Prod. 640
3. Household Cleaning Substances 591
4. Sedatives/Hypnotics 428
5. Antidepressants 355
6. Topical Preparations 353
7. Cardiovascular Drugs 310
8. Antihistamines 268
9. Alcohols 256
10. Foreign Bodies, (Toys, Misc.) 252

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

1. Analgesics 503
2. Cosmetics/Personal Care Prod. 498
3. Household Cleaning Substances 352
4. Topical Preparations 292
5. Foreign Bodies (Toys, Misc.) 195
6. Vitamins 190
7. Antihistamines 133
8. Plants 131
9. Gastrointestinal Preparations 129
10. Dietary supplements 128

Cases by Type—Montana 2012

16,956 Cases Managed by RMPDC Professionals

72% of cases were managed at home
28% of cases were referred to emergent care

** Includes Drug ID IVR