Saving Lives with Answers...

Why is the Nevada Poison Center important?
An estimated $7.4 million in healthcare costs were saved in Nevada by utilizing the Nevada 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 Nevada Poison Center staff provides emergency poison treatment information that may prevent an unnecessary hospital visit.

2012 Facts...
• The Nevada Poison Center managed 34,334 cases through its 24 hour hotline.
• 46% of these exposure cases involved children under age 5.
• 68% of poison exposure cases that came from the public were treated on site where the poisoning occurred saving the time and costs of an emergency department visit.
• 32% of exposures were referred into a doctor or other healthcare facility for treatment.

Nevada Cases by County
Summary of Results—Nevada 2012

Exposure Cases by Age Group

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<tr>
<th>Age Group</th>
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<td>0-5 Years</td>
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Top Ten Most Common Poison Categories for Human Exposures

1. Analgesics 2,354
2. Bites and Envenomations 1,154
3. Cosmetics/Personal Care Prod. 1,141
4. Household Cleaning Substances 1,134
5. Sedatives/Hypnotics 955
6. Cardiovascular Drugs 659
7. Topical Preparations 628
8. Foreign Bodies, Toys 586
9. Antidepressants 581
10. Antihistamines 561

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

1. Cosmetics/Personal Care Prod. 880
2. Analgesics 832
3. Household Cleaning Substances 621
4. Topical Preparations 470
5. Foreign Bodies (Toys, Misc.) 458
6. Vitamins 287
7. Antihistamines 265
8. Gastrointestinal Preparations 206
9. Antimicrobials 184
10. Pesticides 169

Cases by Type—Nevada 2012
34,334 Cases Managed by RMPDC Professionals

**Drug ID IVR includ-

** Information 17,685
51%

Animal Exposure 646
2%

Human Exposure 16,003
47%

Case Management Site for 16,003 Human Exposures

68% of cases managed at home
32% of cases referred to emergent care

Non-Health Care Facility
Health Care Facility