

# Nevada Poison Center 2013 Annual Report

### Saving Lives with Answers...

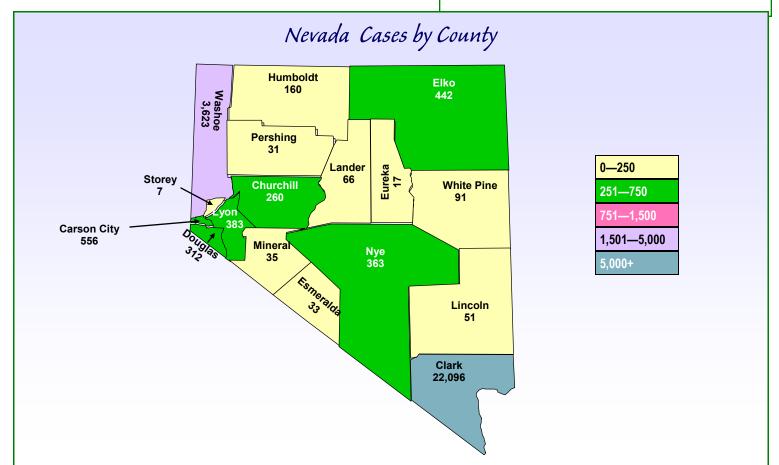
Why is the Nevada Poison Center important?

An estimated <u>\$ 7.0 million</u> 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, <u>\$13.39</u> is saved in medical expenses.
- The Nevada Poison Center staff provides emergency poison treatment information that may prevent an unnecessary hospital visit.

#### 2013 Facts...

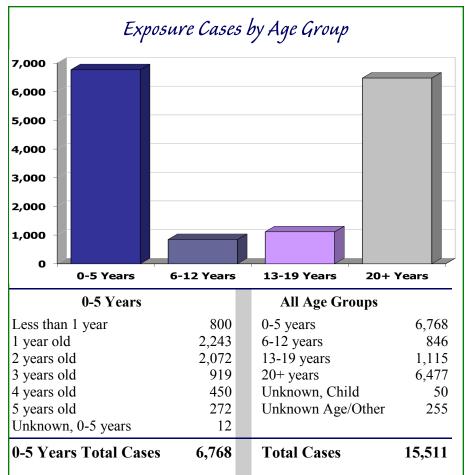
- The Nevada Poison Center managed **29,462** cases through its 24 hour hotline.
- 44% of these exposure cases involved children under age 5.
- 67% of poison exposure cases that came from the public were treated on site where the poisoning occurred saving the time and costs of an emergency department visit.
- 33% of exposures were referred into a doctor or other healthcare facility for treatment.







## Summary of Results—Nevada 2013



#### Top Ten Most Common Poison Categories for Human Exposures 1. Analgesics 2,389 2. Bites and Envenomations 1,183 3. Cosmetics/Personal Care Prod. 1,074 4. Household Cleaning Substances 1,036 Sedatives/Hypnotics 950 Cardiovascular Drugs 679 **Antihistamines** 620 8. Topical Preparations 533 Foreign Bodies, Toys 508 10. Alcohols 496 Top Ten Most Common Poison Categories for Children 0-5 Years 1. Cosmetics/Personal Care Prod. 809 2. Analgesics 738 3. Household Cleaning Substances 555 **Topical Preparations** 416 Foreign Bodies (Toys, Misc.) 373 6. Antihistamines 298 Vitamins 267 **Gastrointestinal Preparations** 200 8. Antimicrobials 166 10. Cardiovascular Drugs 161

