



Illinois Poison Center
**POISON
HELP**
1•800•222•1222



Trusted poison information and advice, when you need it most.

The Illinois Poison Center's (IPC) toll-free, confidential 24-hour helpline is staffed by specially trained medical experts who provide comprehensive and trusted information and advice on potentially harmful substances.

Our contribution to Illinois public health in 2023

72k

MANAGED CASES TOTAL

- **67.4k** required advice on treating someone exposed to a potentially harmful substance.
- **Nearly 39%** involved children aged 5 and under.

21.5k

CASES FROM HOSPITALS

- Medical professionals throughout Illinois turn to IPC for specialized consultation services.

30k

ER VISITS PREVENTED

- **92%** of poison exposure cases resolved over the phone, eliminating the need for referral to a healthcare facility.
- **65.5k** follow-up calls on poisoning exposures.

Economic impact

\$60m

ANNUAL COST SAVINGS

- IPC prevents unnecessary utilization of healthcare resources
- **70%** of people will use local emergency services if a poison center is not available, overburdening hospitals and creating unnecessary medical costs.
 - Consulting a poison center shortens the average length of stay for admitted poisoned patients by **1–3 days**.

Education and outreach

147k

REACHED BY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

- IPC provides education to the public and healthcare providers
- The online **Poison Prevention Education Course and Resource Center** is free to all.
 - IPC is a partner in the Toxikon Consortium, one of the largest and most successful professional toxicology training programs in the nation. In the past 5 years, IPC has provided experiential toxicology training to **over 1k** healthcare students and professionals.