

Quality Care For Kids Newsletter

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National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) takes place each year during the third week of March to help raise awareness of poison prevention and safety.

Poisoning remains the leading cause of injury-related death in the United States. In FY2025, the Iowa Poison Control Center's team of specially trained nurses, pharmacists, and physician toxicologists managed 23,769 cases! About 55% of those calls involved children and teens.

Did you know that the most common products involved with unintentional poisoning in children are medications, chemicals and personal care products?

Things you can do to help protect children:

- Store medications and chemicals up high and out of reach of children
- Lock up medications and chemicals when appropriate
- Keep purses and backpacks are out of children's reach
- Read medication and chemical labels carefully
- Never leave children alone with medications, chemicals or personal care products



The Iowa Poison Control Center (IPCC) serves all of Iowa's 99 counties and is here for you 24/7/365. Calls to the IPCC are answered by staff who are uniquely trained to assess, triage, and manage poisoning emergencies. The poison information specialists are nurses and pharmacists who are certified as "Specialists in Poison Information" by America's Poison Centers.

Want to get involved? Here's how!



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