

#NPPW24



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Poison Help

March 17-23, 2024

NATIONAL POISON  
PREVENTION WEEK

We're Here for You 24/7.



## TENNESSEE POISON CENTER



1-800-222-1222

- We are the only poison control center in Tennessee, serving all 6.9 million Tennesseans, in all 95 counties.
- We are one of the most important rapid response teams and are the only organization in Tennessee providing **24/7 surveillance** for biochemical terrorism, and monitoring for viral, chemical, and biological threats.
- We provide a **toll-free multilingual 24/7** Poison Help Hotline, in more than 150 languages.
- **Forty-seven percent** of poison emergencies involve children under the age of 5, but exposures in teens and adults are usually more serious.
- The Tennessee Poison Center estimated saving Tennessee taxpayers **21.4 million dollars** in unnecessary ED visits.
- Every resident is encouraged to save the toll-free Poison Help Hotline number in their phone, place a magnet on the fridge or magnetic surface, stickers near or on a phone. We recommend posting the Poison Help, **1-800-222-1222**, anywhere you might need our number in case of an emergency or information call about drugs or toxins.

When poison happens, Poison Centers are ready 24/7/365 with fast, free treatment advice by calling Poison Help (1-800-222-1222). Whether it's a question or an emergency, Poison Help can provide life-saving information when people need it most, and calling a Poison Center is faster and more accurate than an internet search.

Anything can be poisonous, if it is used in the wrong way, in the wrong amount, by the wrong person. Poisonings can happen to anyone, at any time, and everywhere. The Tennessee Poison Center is available for every resident, emergency response team, and healthcare professional. We provide free public and professional education and resources.

This year **National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) is March 17-23, 2024**. NPPW is a week dedicated to raising awareness about poison control centers and the **Poison Help Hotline (1-800-222-1222)**. We welcome your organization to join us in educating the public on the valuable services we provide to **keep the Volunteer State we love safe**.

If you wish to order poison prevention materials for NPPW, please fax or email the resource request form by March 4, 2024. Questions? Jenese Henry  
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