

Should I talk to a pharmacist or a specialist at the Poison Center?

Your pharmacist can answer questions before you take medicine.

For example:

- Are there things I shouldn't take with my medicine?
- What kinds of side effects might I get with this medicine?
- I missed a dose of my medicine - what should I do?

Specialists at the poison center can help with problems after you have taken medicine or used a product the wrong way.

For example:

- I think I might have taken my medicine twice.
- My child (grandchild) found my prescription medicine and I think he ate some.
- I picked up the wrong container and took my husband's medicine instead of mine.

- My wife had some bleach water in a glass - I was thirsty and drank it by mistake.
- I took my prescription medicine and then some cough medicine and now I feel dizzy - should I be worried?
- I used the wrong measuring spoon by mistake and gave my baby too much medicine - what should I do?

IMPORTANT: If you think someone has been poisoned and they are having trouble breathing or won't wake up, call 9-1-1 FIRST and then call the poison center.

**INDIANA
POISON
CENTER**

1-800-222-1222

www.clarian.org/poisoncontrol

The Indiana Poison Center never closes and a specialist always answers your call. Call immediately if you think someone has been poisoned (call even if you're not sure)

**POISON
Help**

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Center**

- What is it?
- When should I call?

What Is the Indiana Poison Center?



- **There is only one poison center in Indiana.** It is located in the Emergency Medicine and Trauma Center at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.
- The Poison center is a telephone service for poison emergencies.
- Specially trained nurses and pharmacists answer the phones - they are all **poison experts**.
- Poison center **services are free and confidential**.
- Doctors use the same number as the public to reach the poison center, **1-800-222-1222** - this is a national number for poison centers.
- The poison center has *free* magnets, phone stickers and other useful poison safety information.

Specialists at the poison center can give advice about what to do after someone has used a medicine or other product the wrong way.



Things like health and beauty products, cleaning, automotive and gardening products.

What are the benefits of calling the poison center for a poison emergency?

1. Immediate advice from experts.
2. Saves time and money.
3. A specialist will help you decide if you need to go to a hospital or if the poisoning can be handled at home (most poisonings can be handled at home with help from the poison center).
4. If you *do* need to go to a hospital, the specialist will call ahead so ER staff are ready if you need treatment.

Calling the poison center will *not* delay treatment

Who calls the poison center?

Over half of all poison emergency calls involve children under the age of six, but it's not just young children that get poisoned. Poisoning also affects older children and adults - especially seniors. Poisoning often involves things that we all have in our homes. Medicine, cleaning products, automotive products, pesticides and other home and gardening products can be poisons if they are used the wrong way.

Always read and follow directions carefully before using *any* product. Read labels on medicine *every time* to make sure it is what you think it is.

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Rx. 587123 PRESCRIBER:
DR. PETER JONES

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EVERY DAY**

TRICOR 160 MG TABLET ABB

No Refills, authorization required Qty: 30 TA

Date Filled: 01-12-2004 Discard After: 01-12-2005

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