

Poisonings are not just about kids.



The Washington Poison Center provides information about poisonings and toxic substances to **callers from all over** Washington State.

You can call 24 hours a day with poison questions about **children, adults or seniors**. You can even call about **pets**.



Most poisonings happen in the home. However, when **health care providers** need information about poisoning treatments, they also call the Poison Center.

Services are available for **non-English speakers** and those with **hearing difficulty**.



The Poison Center phone number is on **Mr. Yuk stickers**—put them on poisons in your home.



Poison First Aid

This first aid information does not take the place of expert advice. Always call the Poison Center right away.

Inhaled Poison

Get to fresh air right away and avoid fumes. Open doors and windows wide.

Poison on the Skin

Take off clothing the poison touched. Rinse skin with running water. Wash off with soap and water.

Poison in the Eye

Run lukewarm tap water over eye for 10 min. Do not force the eyelid open.

Swallowed Poison

Do not make the person vomit, drink or eat unless told by a poison expert.

Be Prepared

Keep *Syrup of Ipecac* (a drug that makes you vomit) at home. **Always** call the Poison Center before using.

Follow the WAPC online:

www.wapc.org

Facebook: Mr-Yuk/62297332821

Twitter: MRYUKWA

Poison Help & Information:

1-800-222-1222

Language Line available for non-English speakers

TTY relay: 7-1-1



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PREVENTION & TREATMENT GUIDE

Poisons

Did you know...

...the **Mr. Yuk** poison help

Sticker

is for

You

?



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1-800-222-1222



What happens when I call the Poison Center?

Did you, your child or pet touch, taste or breathe something that might be harmful? Will that product, medicine, insect or plant make them or you sick?

Call 1-800-222-1222

Your call is always free*—call as many times as you need.

What happened?

Tell the poison expert what happened.

If you are not sure, that is okay.

- What was taken?
Have the container handy so you can read the label.
- How long ago did it happen?
- How much was taken?
- How is the person feeling?



What should you do?

The poison expert will tell you what to do. Most poisonings can be taken care of over the phone. If you need to go to the emergency room, we will tell you if you can drive or if you need to call 911. If needed, we will call the emergency room to let them know you are on your way and suggest treatment for you.



We want to make sure things are OK.

Often a poison expert will call you back – just to make sure everything is all right. You can ask more questions then or call back later with other concerns.



“I’d feel dumb” if nothing was wrong.

You cannot know all about the things that might hurt you, your family or pet. What you CAN do is call the Poison Center right away. You can also call for prevention ideas.

How do I use Mr. Yuk stickers?

The national toll-free Poison Center phone number, **1-800-222-1222**, is on Mr. Yuk stickers. Put them on poisons to keep the number handy in an emergency. Teach kids to “stay away” if they see **Mr. Yuk**.



Call the **Washington Poison Center** for free and confidential expert poison information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

*((\$30 credit card fee applies for calls about animals)

1-800-222-1222

How can I prevent poisonings?

- Use child-resistant containers; keep in mind they are not childproof.
- Keep all poisons out of reach and in original labeled packages.
- Re-read the label each time before you take or give any medicine—be sure you have good lighting and glasses, if you need them.
- Teach children to ask an adult before eating or drinking anything.
- Cook and store food as stated on packages.
- When children are near, take the container or the child with you to answer the door or phone.
- Remove mushrooms growing in your yard.
- Be aware of the high poisoning times: before meals and during times of change such as a move, packing for a trip, visitors, illness or when family problems occur.
- Teach children about **Mr. Yuk** and put the stickers on poisons.
- **Don’t guess. Call the Poison Center. Prevent a poisoning.**

