

What is The Yuk Box?

It is a box filled with educational materials to teach poison prevention messages to both adults and children. There are currently nine boxes located throughout Washington State available for public use.

What's in the box?

There are several resources in the box. Some of the materials are great for fairs and presentations, while others are better suited for classroom learning and projects. Either way, there is something for everyone. Here is a list of a few things you will find in the boxes:

Look-Alikes: food and other items with very similar packaging that people can easily mistake for one another. Examples include apple juice and wood cleaner, eye drops and ear drops, mayonnaise and multi-surface cleanser and hemorrhoidal ointment and tooth paste.

Medicine Cabinet Display: a display that is shaped like a bathroom mirror medicine cabinet. When opened, there are a number of colorful and enticing medications and candies that look alike. It demonstrates how children, and even adults, can mistake medications for candy.

Videos: an assortment ranging from cartoons for pre-schoolers, to adult education videos on poison proofing your home before the baby comes. The videos are in English and/or Spanish.

Additionally, there are sample handouts (which you can call the poison center to order or download for free off the website), a guide on how to teach poison prevention messages to a variety of age groups and a list of possible activities to facilitate.

Who can use the boxes?

Educators, program managers, teachers, parent groups, safety coordinators and others can use the box for health and safety fairs, teaching classes, presentations to children and parent groups and adult education.

Where are the boxes located?

Currently, there are boxes in Bonney Lake, Edmonds, Mount Vernon, Port Angeles, Seattle, Spokane, Yakima and Walla Walla.

Contact the Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222 for more information or to find who to contact in your area to checkout a box.