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What number is on your phone list?

Washington residents are calling the wrong number for poison help.

1-800-222-1222. That is the only number you should use to reach the Washington Poison Center.

Over 20,000 calls were made this year to the Washington Poison Center by callers dialing older phone numbers that will be disconnected.

Check your phonebook, the emergency list next to your phone, your electronic phonebooks, your Rolodex, the resources your child brings home—any and all locations you keep important phone numbers to make sure the Poison Center is listed correctly as **1-800-222-1222**.

Any number other than **1-800-222-1222** (voice & TDD-hearing impaired) should be considered obsolete.

Those who publish phone lists or provide referrals, check that your lists include **1-800-222-1222**.

1-800-222-1222 is a national toll-free number. When calling it within Washington State, you will reach the Washington Poison Center. If you are out of state, you can still call **1-800-222-1222** but you will reach the poison center that is local to that calling area. There is never a charge for calling a Poison Center.

Whether you have a poison emergency or questions about product safety, calling **1-800-222-1222** will automatically connect you to specially trained nurses, pharmacists and other poison specialists.

1-800-222-1222 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This number is important for animal owners as well.

Call **1-800-222-1222** to receive a magnet and phone sticker with the correct phone number. Mr. Yuk stickers are also available.

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The Washington Poison Center is an independent nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The WPC serves all of Washington State and is located in Seattle. Most old phone numbers still work.