

THE YUK REPORT

Expert Poison Information 24/7

Washington Poison Center

1-800-222-1222

Summer 2009

Mr. Yuk Visits the Capitol

On March 16th, a special and very green visitor toured the state Capitol building. Armed with magnets and stickers with the poison help phone number, 1-800-222-1222, he spread the word about poison safety. The Washington Poison Center's (WAPC) Mr. Yuk was at the Capitol to celebrate the 48th year of National Poison Prevention Week.

National Poison Prevention Week was established by Congress in 1961 to raise awareness of unintentional poisonings.

Governor Christine Gregoire signed a proclamation asking all citizens to join her in this special observance.

The WAPC receives on averages 258 calls a day, nearly 210 of those calls are about people or animals exposed to a potential poison. Many of these poisonings could have

been prevented. Poison centers nationally organize events during this special week to educate about poisonous products, how to prevent poisonings from occurring and to call this national toll-free number, 1-800-222-1222, for poison help.

the state.

State Representative Scott White (D-Seattle) was with Mr. Yuk to congratulate Smith and show his support for the Poison Center. Many poison centers, including the WAPC, face potential funding cuts. Washington State's proposed 2-year budget will significantly cut funding to the WAPC.

Images of the visit to the State Capitol can be found at www.wapc.org.

"We need to find a way to fund our Poison Center. It is an essential service that is needed for all our citizens."
– Scott White (D-Seattle)

Did you know . . .

- . . . you can donate to the WAPC at www.wapc.org?
- . . . 12 minutes is the average time it took callers in 2008 to call the Poison Center for an emergency?
- . . . the WAPC took nearly 8,700 animal calls in 2008?

To help observe Nation Poison Prevention Week, the WAPC held a Mr. Yuk poster contest for 6-12 year olds in Washington State. A 7th grade student, Ivyanne Smith of Redmond, was recognized on the Capitol steps as this year's contest winner. Her poster was featured on billboards throughout



From the Files

FACEBOOK

The Washington Poison Center (WAPC) is on Facebook!
Go to <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Mr-Yuk/62297332821>
for our Mr. Yuk Facebook page.

Become a fan of Mr. Yuk today!

(must register with Facebook to become a fan)



Common Non-Toxic (Safe) Plants

The following plants are known to be safe or non-poisonous. It is important to remember, though, that children and animals can choke on any plant. **This is not a complete list.**

African violet	Ferns (many are non-toxic)	Purple passion	Tiger lily (toxic to cats)
Air fern	Forsythia	Purple velvet	Umbrella plant
Aluminum plant	Gardenia	Rubber plant	Velvet plant
Aralia	Hawthorne	Schefflera	Violets
Areca palm	Hibiscus	Snake plant	Wandering Jew
Baby tears	Honeysuckle	Snowball tree	Zebra plant
Begonia (except sand begonia)	Impatiens	Spider plant	
Birch berry	Inch plant	Sumac	
Bloodleaf plant	Jade plant	Swedish ivy	
Boston fern	Japanese aralia		
Bromeliads	Kalanchoe		
Butterfly	Lady's slipper		
Cactus, Christmas	Lipstick plant		
Calathea, painted	Manzanita		
California poppy	Marigold		
Camellia	Mountain ash		
Coleus	Nasturtium		
Corn plant	Palm		
Croton (most are non-toxic)	Patient Lucy		
Creeping Charlie	Peperomia		
Dandelion	Piggyback plant		
Dogwood	Pilea		
Donkey tail	Polka dot plant		
Dracena	Prayer plant		
Fitttonia, red	Pregnancy plant		
Fuchsia	Primula		



Ordering Prevention Materials

Due to recent funding cuts and reorganization, the Washington Poison Center no longer has a phone line dedicated to prevention materials. All orders for Yuk Stickers and other materials must be done by downloading an order form off our website, www.wapc.org. Please Note: the order form has been updated to reflect a new ordering system. All orders must be received with payment either by check, credit card or purchase order number. Look for the Free Materials button to download all our materials that are available to be reproduced. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Greetings Friends,

The Washington Poison Center would like to thank you for your support.

In late December, we were notified of the proposed budget that cut funding to the WAPC by 50% percent or \$1 Million per year. With the help from you and other concerned citizens, the legislators decided to reinstate some funding. However, the cut of 37% or \$750,000 per year is still a significant loss.

Details of what changes will have to be made are still being worked out.

We will continue to post information on our website as we finalize these changes that may impact callers.

Again, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Jim Williams, Executive Director, WAPC

Support Mr. Yuk

The Washington Poison Center is a nonprofit, charitable organization relying on community support. To make a tax-deductible donation, send a check or money order to:

Washington Poison Center
155 NE 100th Street, #100
Seattle, WA 98125-8007

Or, call 1-800-572-4104 x2367 to donate by credit card.

Mr. Yuk thanks you for your help!

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