

# THE YUK REPORT

Expert Poison Information 24/7

Washington Poison Center

1-800-222-1222

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## The Yuk Report Goes Digital

Dear Yuk Report Readers,

This is the last Yuk Report issue being printed in bulk and mailed in hard-copy form. Starting with our Spring 2009 issue, The Yuk Report will not only be available on our website, [www.wapc.org](http://www.wapc.org), it will also be an email list readers can opt to be on.

As everyone knows, the economy slowdown has brought to light the increasing need to decrease costs without cutting back services.

However, this newsletter is still a valuable means for getting information about poisons and the Poison Center in our communities. We are aware that several organizations “borrow” articles from this newsletter (which we are more than happy that they do) and the response from our last issue, Summer 2008, article on the Yuk Box proves this newsletter gets “the word out” on WAPC activities and programs.

The exact look of the digital-only newsletter is still being created and may change as the “kinks” continue to get worked out. It will be emailed from Washington Poison Center, [newsletter@wapc.org](mailto:newsletter@wapc.org); please add this email to your contacts list to keep it from going to a junk folder.

We are asking everyone (including those that know we have your email) to sign up on our website to join the newsletter mailing list.



the “snail mail” form and we are happy to honor that request. Please email [newsletter@wapc.org](mailto:newsletter@wapc.org) with your name, organization and mailing address to be added to that specific list.

We hope the digital version of the Yuk Report will still be as, if not more useful to you and any community members you share it with. All back and current issues of the Yuk Report will remain available on our website, [www.wapc.org](http://www.wapc.org), for your download at any time.

### Did you know . . .

- . . . poisonings just surpassed traffic fatalities as the leading cause of injury-related death in Washington State and the third leading cause of hospitalization?
- . . . 91% of poisonings take place in the home?
- . . . the WAPC answers more calls about medications (specifically pain killers) than any other potentially harmful substance!

Do you want to continue to get the Yuk Report in your mailbox? You still can. We understand that there is a desire for communication in

Sincerely,  
*Kerri Booth*  
The Yuk Report Editor

### From the Files

## SPORT DRINK?

Dad was sitting in the living room watching the football game. His wife was at the store and the kids were playing with their outdoor toys near the garage. Little Sally came in and handed Dad a sports drink bottle stating, “This tastes funny.” Dad, slightly distracted by the game, glanced at the bottle. Suddenly, his heart sank into his lap as he immediately recognized the bottle as the one in which he had earlier put antifreeze to store. He asked Sally if she drank some, and she said, “Yes.”

Dad, in a panic, called the poison center and learned the amount Sally drank was potentially toxic to his two-year-old daughter. He needed to get her to the hospital right away. As a result of a fast-thinking dad and the 24/7 access to a poison expert at the poison center, Sally survived and Dad learned a hard lesson . . . never store non-food items in a food or beverage container.

# Is It Tim To Call Mr. Yuk

Calling all 6 to 12 year olds . . . Mr. Yuk needs your help! He is trying to keep homes safe from poisons. You can help him by drawing an "Is It Time to Call Mr. Yuk?" poster.

The Washington Poison Center is now accepting posters for its third state-wide Mr. Yuk Poster Contest. Posters should be no larger than 8.5" x 11" on white paper and will be accepted until the post-marked date of February 1, 2009.

The purpose of the poster contest is to increase awareness of poison safety and the Poison Center number, 1-800-222-1222, through a creative and engaging activity with our youth. We hope every home will be a Mr. Yuk home.

First 100 posters received get a free Mr. Yuk t-shirt. One winner will be selected to get a visit by Mr. Yuk and a \$500 check card. Four finalists will also be chosen to receive a \$100 check card. The winning poster will be used as the official Washington State poster for Poison Prevention Week in March 2010 and will be displayed on billboards and posters throughout the state. The five final posters will be announced this March. Visit: [www.wapc.org](http://www.wapc.org) for more info.

*Please clip and mail with your child's poster:*

Mail to:  
Washington Poison Center  
Poster Contest  
155 NE 100th St, #100  
Seattle, WA 98125-8007

<b>Child's Name:</b>	
<b>Child's Age:</b>	
<b>Parent/Guardian Name:</b>	
<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>City &amp; Zip Code:</b>	
<b>T-Shirt (adult) Size:</b>	

(must be postmarked between 09/01/08 and 02/01/09)



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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 100<sup>th</sup> 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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