

Oregon Poison Center

1-800-222-1222

The Oregon Poison Center

- The Oregon Poison Center opened on January 2, 1978.
- It is open 24 hours a day each day of the year.
- The Poison Center received over 51,000 calls last year - that is more than 130 calls per day!
- It serves all Oregon, Alaska and the territory of Guam.
- The national number for all poison control centers is 1-800-222-1222.
- Nurses and pharmacists trained in toxicology staff the Poison Center.
- 70% of all calls to the Poison Center can be handled at home.

Our Services

The OPC offers a continuum of services to the residents of Oregon, Alaska & Guam.

These services include:

- Poison emergency telephone service
- Professional education
- Public Education

Our Calls

The OPC receives a variety of poisoning-related calls including:

- Ingestion of poisonous substances
- Drug Overdoses
- Chemical exposures at work
- Pet poisonings
- Plant poisonings
- Food poisonings

Research and Data Collection

The OPC is involved in a number of research projects involving the epidemiology, diagnosis, management and prevention of poisonings. The OPC is able to manage calls by utilizing state-of-the art computer technology. All data is stored electronically in a special computer program written for the Poison Center. This data is used to analyze and monitor poisoning trends and facilitates the development of poison prevention and awareness strategies.



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Professional Education

As an academic program of OHSU, the center schedules more than 4000 hours of clinical experience annually for students from many disciplines of health care. The Advanced Paramedic Education Program, School of Medicine, and School of Nursing at OHSU uses the OPC as a training setting to provide education in principles of toxicology and patient management. Pharmacy students from Oregon State University and Pacific University also have the opportunity to participate in a toxicology clerkship in the center.

The Toxicology Fellowship Program is an accredited two-year program for physicians preparing them to become board certified in Medical Tox-



Public Education

The Education Department works diligently to develop and implement innovative strategies to prevent poisonings and raise awareness of the Oregon Poison Center and its services. The OPC offers a variety of public education materials and resources including brochures, emergency phone stickers, posters, and Online Poison Prevention Educator Training Program.

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