

California Poison Control System

Poison Hotline: **1-800-222-1222**

About the California Poison Control System

We are California's designated and accredited poison center for poison treatment and advice. Call our toll-free Poison Hotline at **1-800-222-1222**. Our team of poison experts are ready to help anytime.



What is a poison?

A poison is a substance that can harm your body if you touch, taste, breathe,

or swallow it. Poisoning is the number one leading cause of injury related deaths in the United States.



Why call the Poison Hotline?

The Poison Hotline, **1-800-222-1222**, is a toll-free number that provides poison-related help and treatment advice. This number is available to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days per year. Translation services are available in over 200 languages. We also offer treatment advice to medical personnel through a designated phone number for medical professionals.



How can the Poison Hotline help you?

Our poison experts are ready to help and answer any poison-related questions or concerns at **1-800-222-1222**.

- **Fast:** Our staff will answer your phone call immediately.
- **Free:** There is no charge. You can call as many times as you need.
- **Expert:** You will receive help from an actual person. Staff who answer the phone are pharmacists, nurses, doctors, and specialists in poison information.
- **Private:** Your personal information is not shared with anyone. We ask you for your name and phone number so we can call back to make sure you are OK.

When to call the Poison Hotline

- If you have a poison-related question.
- If you or someone else touches, tastes, breathes, or swallows something that could be harmful.



Call 911 if someone is experiencing life-threatening symptoms like difficulty breathing, unconsciousness, or uncontrollable shaking.

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Text PUNTOS for Spanish.



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