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POISON
CENTER 
1-800-222-1222

Washington Poison Center – Expert poison information 24/7

The Washington Poison Center (WPC) provides information about toxic substances and poisonings to callers from all over Washington State.

We're here for everyone, day and night.

WPC is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

We get calls from all over Washington State with questions about people, plants and even pets. In

fact, we answer nearly 100,000 calls each year! Our calls are people of all ages – from the parent of young children to the senior over seventy. Although half of our calls are about children, we help a growing number of seniors with questions about medications. With the help of the Language Line, we can help callers in more than 140 languages. We can also serve the hearing impaired via TDD.

We're the experts the experts call.

Our phones are staffed and supported by medical professionals, including physicians. We maintain one of the most up-to-date chemical databases in the nation, including information on occupational, homeopathic and naturopathic substances. Any chemical can become a poison. It's the dose, not the chemical that makes the poison. Our knowledge base is widely known and respected – more than 12 percent of our calls come from other health care professionals. We also provide information on

Exposure Site		
Residence	67,236	90.2%
Workplace	1,589	2.1%
Public Area	1,251	1.7%
School	1,065	1.4%
Food Service	429	0.6%
Health Care Facility	179	0.2%
Other/Unknown	2,805	3.8%
Total	74,554	100.0%

toxic chemicals related to bioterrorism and natural disasters. Each year we help train the full spectrum of health sciences students, paramedics, interns, residents, fellows and graduate students.

We're free and confidential.

Washington Poison Center is not a reporting agency; we're just here to help. We do not report a caller's name or even question a reluctant caller. Every day we handle questions about chemical interactions, including street drugs, over-the-counter medicines and environmental hazards.

Management Site		
On Site	61,328	82.3%
Health Care Facility	9,536	12.8%
Refused Referral	649	0.9%
Unknown	846	1.1%
Other	2,195	2.9%
Total	74,554	100.0%

We help reduce health care costs.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, every \$1 spent on a poison center saves an estimated \$7 in overall health care cost. Our staff can manage more than 85 percent of our cases over the telephone, reducing the trauma and expense of an emergency department or urgent care visit. We are constantly researching new methods and techniques about the most effective way to prevent poisonings and to treat both individuals and groups. We

Expenses		
Salaries/Benefits	\$2,326,078	79.2%
Facility	\$140,230	4.8%
Maintenance & Service	\$119,484	4.1%
Printing & Publications	\$117,683	4.0%
Professional Services	\$60,375	2.0%
Depreciation	\$53,710	1.8%
Telephone	\$41,785	1.4%
Other	\$78,211	2.7%
Total	\$2,937,556	100.0%

We are a nonprofit organization.

Public funding only covers a portion of our expenses. We continue to rely on community support. Washington Poison Center is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization.

Revenue		
State Contract	\$2,097,000	77.8%
Federal Grant	\$463,670	17.2%
Studies	\$43,171	1.6%
Private Donations	\$35,590	1.3%
Educational Sales	\$24,432	0.9%
Investments	\$20,144	0.8%
Other	\$10,302	0.4%
Total	\$2,694,309	100.0%

are committed to state-wide community education to prevent poisonings. Each year we distribute over a million Mr. Yuk stickers across Washington State.

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Meetings

- **November 15, 2004**
Holiday Inn - SeaTac Intl. Airport
10am – Noon
- **February 18, 2005**
WPC Offices
1pm – 3pm
- **June 17, 2005**
Ivar's Acres of Clams - Pier 54
11 am – 1:30pm