

Happy New Year!

Here at the Georgia Poison Center, it is business as usual. *Saving lives, one call at a time.* This month, we handled 9,068 calls, of which 6,667 calls were related to human exposure, 624 calls related to animal exposures and 1,777 calls were related to general poison information.

The specialized staff at the Georgia Poison Center was able to effectively triage 83% of calls that were received from the general public at the site of exposure without referral to a health care facility by providing simple first aid instructions over the phone.

About 48% of calls received involved children under the age of 3 years.

The Georgia Poison Center provides vital poisoning information as well as toxicology consultations to healthcare professionals. This month, the GPC, received 1,072 calls from health care professionals, making up about 15% of the calls received involving poison exposures.

Top 10 Substances Involved in Human Exposures (Birth – 50⁺)

- 1. Analgesics
- 2. Cosmetics/personal care products
- 3. Cleaning substances (household)
- 4. Sedative/hypnotics/antipsychotics
- 5. Cold and cough preparations
- 6. Topical preparations
- 7. Foreign bodies/toys/miscellaneous
- 8. Cardiovascular drugs
- 9. Antidepressants
- 10. Antihistamines

Age Distribution of Human Exposures

Top 10 Substances Involved in Pediatric Exposures (Birth – 6 Years)

- 1. Cosmetics/personal care products
- 2. Cleaning substances (household)
- 3. Analgesics
- 4. Topical preparations
- 5. Foreign bodies/toys/miscellaneous
- 6. Cold and cough preparations
- 7. Vitamins
- 8. Antihistamines
- 9. Gastrointestinal preparations
- 10. Antimicrobials

Call Origin Distribution

