

## Georgia Poison Center Monthly Call Summary September 2008

In September, the Georgia Poison Center handled 9,336 calls, of which 6,962 calls were related to human exposures, 654 calls related to animal exposures and 1,750 calls were related to general poison information.

The specialized staff at the Georgia Poison Center was able to effectively triage 85% 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 51% of calls received involved children under the age of 5 years.

The Georgia Poison Center provides vital poisoning information as well as toxicology consultations to healthcare professionals. This month, the GPC, received 1,404 calls from health care professionals, making up about 18% of the calls received involving poison exposures.

## Top 10 Substances Involved in Human Exposures (Birth – 50<sup>+</sup>)

- 1. Analgesics
- 2. Cleaning substances (household)
- 3. Cosmetics/personal care products
- 4. Bites and envenomations
- 5. Sedative/hypnotics/antipsychotics
- 6. Pesticides
- 7. Topical preparations

6%

- 8. Antihistamines
- 9. Foreign bodies/toys/miscellaneous

Age Distribution of Human Exposures

10. Cold and cough preparations

### Unknown 50+ Years 9% 0 - 49 Years 13% 0 - 29 Years -13 - 19 Years -13 -

## 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. Plants
- 7. Antihistamines
- 8. Cold and cough preparations
- 9. Pesticides
- 10. Vitamins

# Health Care Facility 17.2% Unknown 0.4% Non Health Care Facility Non Health Care Facility 79.4%

