

Poison Prevention EDUCATOR TOOLKIT

Greetings Educators,

This toolkit contains links to classroom activities and other resources to help you teach poisoning prevention in your classroom or other educational settings.

Suggested grade levels are listed; however, YOU know your students best. Review the materials and please modify as necessary. If you need assistance, have a question or an idea, please reach out to:

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Program for Preschoolers

Spike

Quills up, stay away!



Young children are at greatest risk for unintentional poisonings - and that's why the American Association of Poison Control Centers created the Quills Up - Stay Away! A Poison Awareness Program featuring Spike, the porcupine puppet. The program, designed for preschool children, makes it easy and fun to teach this important topic.

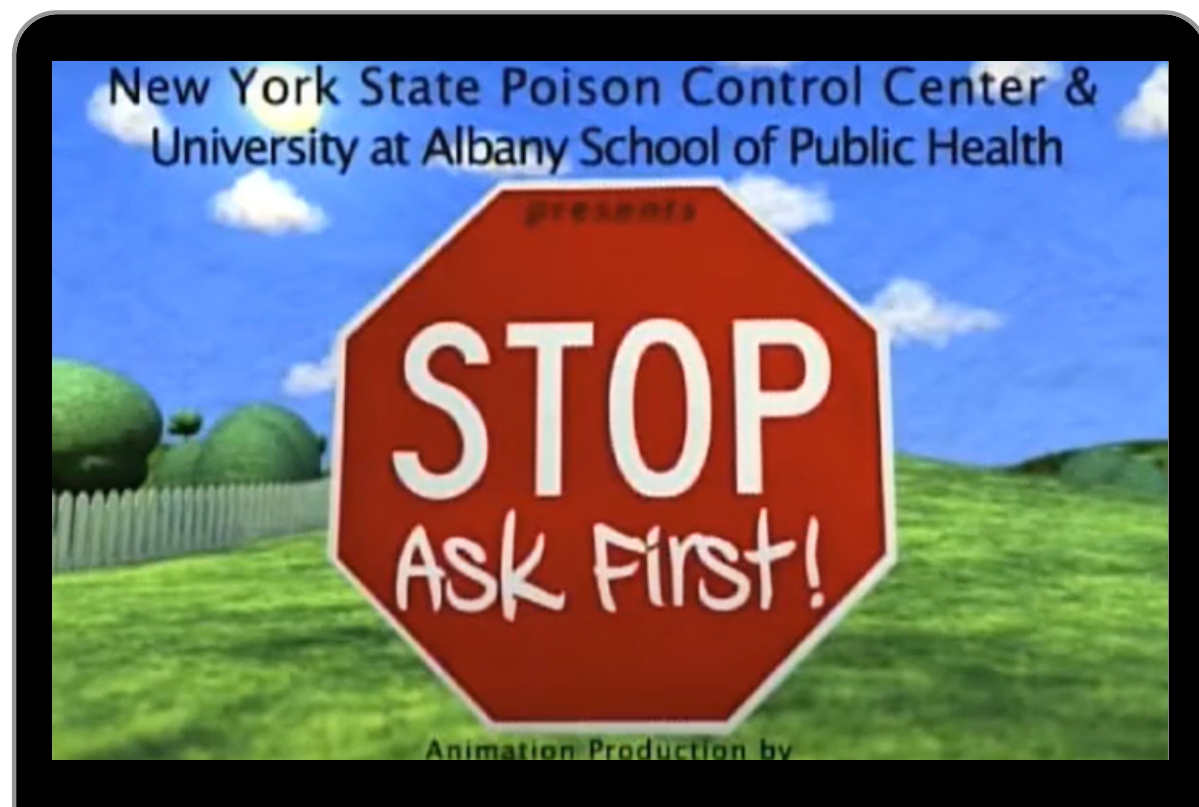
Quills up, stay away! includes an 11-minute video and classroom activities as well as educational materials for parents/caregivers - because getting parents and other adults involved is critical to poison prevention:

- [View Spike's Poison Prevention Adventure video online](#) and bookmark it so you have it to show your students!
- [Educator Guide](#) includes poison prevention information, classroom activities, and song lyrics.
- **Spike paper puppet** in [color](#) or [black and white](#). Print, then cut and glue to a stick for use by students and teacher.
- **Family take home** in [color](#) and [black and white](#) provides information about poison prevention and treating poisoning.
- [Educator evaluation form](#). Let us know what you think of the program after showing it to your students. Be sure to do this each time you show the video so we can track how often it is being used. Thanks in advance!

Program for Preschoolers

Stop, Ask First!

Produced by the Upstate New York Poison Control Center



Your home is full of potentially harmful substances. But kids can't always spot a poisonous substance. When teaching them about health hazards, keep it simple with the "Stop and Ask First" program that uses repetition and songs to keep kids engaged.

Stop, Ask First! includes a 7-minute video and classroom activities as well as educational materials for parents/caregivers - because getting parents and other adults involved is critical to poison prevention:

- [View Stop, Ask First! video online](#) and bookmark it so you have it to show your students!
- [PowerPoint Presentation](#) and [Educator Guide](#) will guide you while teaching children to stay poison safe by stopping and asking a trusted adult first.
- [Mellie and Zipper Coloring Sheet](#). Print, then have children color it by number.
- [Mellie and Zipper Home Safety Checklist](#) allows children and adults to familiarize themselves with potential poisonous items in their house.
- [Stop, Ask First! Lyrics](#) to print and send home with your students.
- [Educator evaluation form](#). Let us know what you think of the program after showing it to your students. Be sure to do this each time you show the video so we can track how often it is being used. Thanks in advance!

Handout for Parents and Caregivers of Preschoolers

Preschoolers are vulnerable to poisoning for many reasons. Even with coaching, they cannot reliably distinguish between what is safe and what is dangerous. Their natural curiosity leads them to open cabinets, purses, or drawers where harmful items may be stored. They put everything into the mouth. And they like to imitate adult actions such as handling cleaning products or taking medicine.

This is all normal child behavior but it can get them into trouble. Therefore, it is up to adults to create a safer environment where young children can play and explore.

This [handout](#) is a great resources for parents and caregivers of preschoolers. Please share!



Program for Elementary School

You can be a...
Poison Prevention Superhero!



Poisons can be everywhere. Allow your students to become poison prevention superheroes as they learn about potential poisons and prevention.

You can be a...Poison Prevention Superhero! includes a 7-minute video and an interactive classroom activity, as well as educational materials to print and send home with your students.

- [View You can be a...Poison Prevention Superhero! presentation online](#) and bookmark it so you have it to show your students!
- [Is it a poison? lesson plan](#) is a teacher-led interactive activity that is a great follow-up to the presentation above.
- [Word search puzzle](#) has 12 questions about poisons. Match the questions to the correct answers, then find them hidden in the grid.
- [Parent letter and Checklist](#) - Poisonings can happen to anyone at any age and most poisonings happen in the home. Parents and caregivers are important allies in the prevention of poisoning. Send home this letter to let parents know how to keep the whole family safe and ask them to help their child fill out the poisoning prevention hero checklist.
- [Poison Prevention Superhero Certificate](#) to print and send home with your students.
- [Educator evaluation form](#). Let us know what you think of the program after showing it to your students. Be sure to do this each time you show the video so we can track how often it is being used. Thanks in advance!

Program for Elementary School

Virtual Storytime & Tox Tales



Looking for a fun and creative way to teach your little ones about poison and poisonous/venomous creatures? Watch the virtual storytime: “Poison Alert!: My Tips to Avoid Danger Zones or Home” and Tox Tales: Creepy Crawlies and Venomous Creatures.

Virtual Storytime & Tox Tales includes an 18-minute video that includes a story time video and a learning session on creepy crawlies that bite, sting and make you itch.

- [View Virtual Storytime & Tox Tales presentation online](#) and bookmark it so you have it to show your students!
- [Educator evaluation form.](#) Let us know what you think of the program after showing it to your students. Be sure to do this each time you show the video so we can track how often it is being used. Thanks in advance!

Program for Middle School

Scholastic's OTC Medicine Safety Program



Research shows kids begin taking medicine by themselves around age 11. Scholastic partnered with U.S. poison centers and JJCI to develop a free, evidence-based program to teach over-the-counter medicine safety.

All program materials are online, including lesson plans, videos, games, stories, classroom worksheets, and parent newsletters. There is also a **Kahoot!** game. Highly recommended.

- [Access the OTC Medicine Safety Program HERE](#)
- [Educator evaluation form.](#) Let us know what you think of the program after showing it to your students. Be sure to do this each time you show the video so we can track how often it is being used. Thanks in advance!_

Program for High School

Safe Medication Safe Disposal



The program includes information on the safe use and storage of medicine as well as safe disposal methods. Teens are also informed of the appropriate use of a poison center.

There are 3 videos included in this program, as well as a powerpoint presentation.

- [PowerPoint Presentation](#) and [Educator Guide](#) will guide you while teaching teens to safely use and store medicines properly, as well as how to dispose of them.
- [OTC Medicine Safety Understand the Label Handout](#) is an additional resource you can print out to give to each of your students to help them better understand the drug facts label.
- [Educator evaluation form.](#) Let us know what you think of the program after showing it to your students. Be sure to do this each time you show the video so we can track how often it is being used. Thanks in advance!

Program for Middle & High School

Poison Jeopardy!

Which is worse?	Poisons in nature	Potluck	Keep them safe	Choose wisely
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Poison Jeopardy! is a PowerPoint presentation designed to mimic the TV show Jeopardy! It teaches poisoning prevention concepts relevant to teens and adults including:

- Scenarios that may lead to teen and adult poisoning.
- How substances of abuse effect the body.
- How to take medicine safely.
- Preventing childhood poisoning

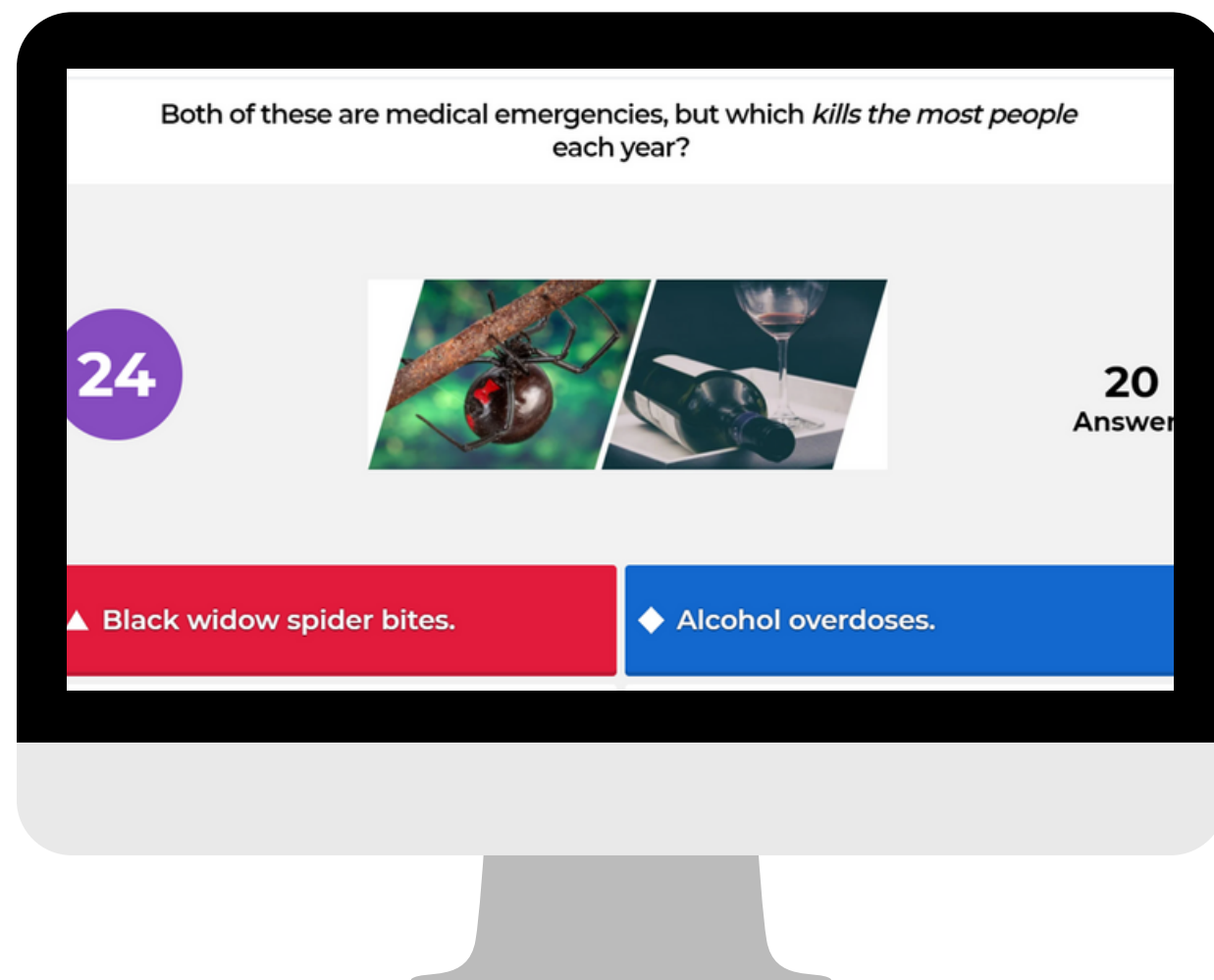
The program includes a:

- [PowerPoint Jeopardy Game](#)
- [Educator Guide](#) and [Lesson Plan](#)
- [Pre/post tests](#) for students
- [Pre/post test answer sheet](#)
- [Educator evaluation form](#). Let us know what you think of the program after showing it to your students. Be sure to do this each time you show the video so we can track how often it is being used. Thanks in advance!

Program for Middle & High School

Kahoot!

Toxic Trivia for Teens: A not-so-trivial quiz game



This fun, interactive game teaches poisoning prevention concepts relevant to teens, including:

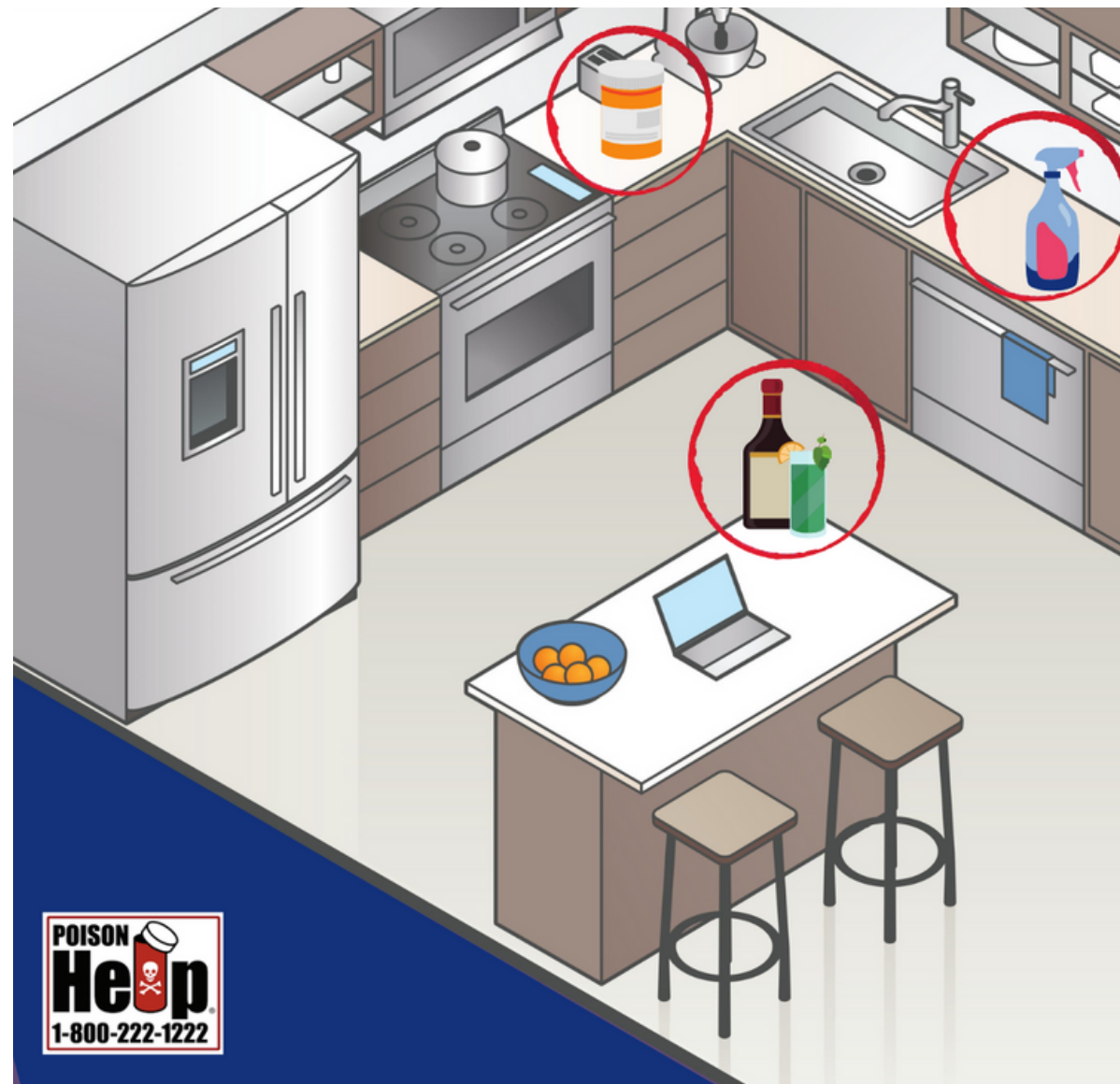
- Scenarios that may lead to teen poisoning.
- How substances of abuse effect the body.
- How to take medicine safely.
- Preventing childhood poisoning (for babysitters, older siblings, and future parents).

The program includes a:

- [Educator Guide](#)
- [Access to the Kahoot! Game](#)
- [Educator evaluation form.](#) Let us know what you think of the program after showing it to your students. Be sure to do this each time you show the video so we can track how often it is being used. Thanks in advance!

Program for Middle & High School

Virtual Escape Room



A majority of poisonings occur in the home. The best protection against poisonings is to make sure your house is poison proof.

This fun, interactive virtual escape room teaches poisoning prevention concepts in each room of the house through riddles and tips.

The program includes:

- Access to the [Poison Prevention Escape Room](#)
- [Home Safety Checklist](#)
- [Educator evaluation form](#). Let us know what you think of the program after showing it to your students. Be sure to do this each time you show the video so we can track how often it is being used. Thanks in advance!

MATERIALS

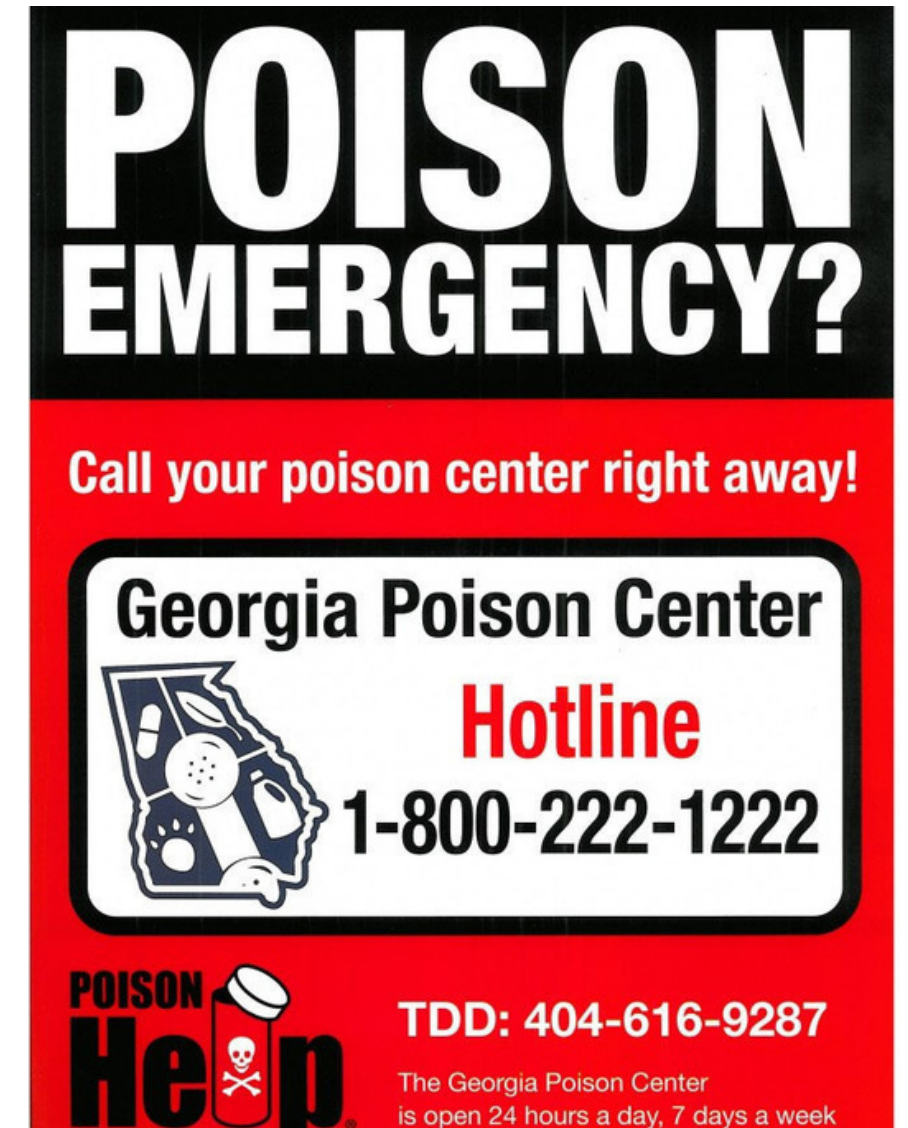
Keep the toll free **PoisonHelp number** nearby so you can find it quickly in an emergency. Visit our website to order your stickers and magnets to distribute to your students and/or their parents and caregivers or posters to hang on bulletin boards, kiosks, or other public spaces.

We also have a variety of free downloadable brochures and activity sheets to include in your education outreach.

Please allow at least 3 weeks for your order to arrive.

To order, [visit our website](#) and then choose the category you are interested in ordering from.

For **FREE** materials, complete our [online poison prevention training program](#) and fill out the [material request form](#)!



GEORGIA POISON PREVENTION TRAINING PROGRAM

100% ONLINE

This training consists of several online modules and full access to the resource center after completion. We hope that after the training you will be well equipped to teach others about poisonings and what to do in a poison emergency.

Continuing Education is available for Nurses, EMS, Firefighters and Bright from the Start Educators

<https://training.georgiapoisoncenter.org/>



National Poison Prevention Week

Third Full Week of March



National Poison Prevention Week is a week dedicated to raising awareness about poison control centers and the Poison Help Hotline (1-800-222-1222).

We welcome you to join us during this week to educate your students on poison prevention.

*RESOURCES, TOOLKITS & A
LIST OF EVENTS WILL BE MADE
AVAILABLE CLOSER TO DATE!*

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NATIONAL-POISON-PREVENTION-WEEK/](https://www.georgiapoisoncenter.org/education/national-poison-prevention-week/)