

ACT FAST — if you think someone has been poisoned!



- *If you find your two-year-old with an open bottle of medicine...*
- *If you mix household cleaners and can't stop coughing...*
- *If your teenager overdoses...*
- *If that red liquid in the glass wasn't soda...*

Call the National Capital Poison Center at **1-800-222-1222** right away!

For a poison emergency or just a question, we're ready to respond, 24/7. Just call **1-800-222-1222**. Registered nurses and pharmacists who are specially trained and certified in toxicology will provide expert guidance immediately.

Support your Poison Center.....Send Your Donation Today!

Here's How We Help YOU.....FREE!

We save lives and reduce illness from poisonings.....

Quick action could save a life. About half of poisoning emergencies involve small children, but the Poison Center also provides immediate, life-saving information for suicide attempts, medical errors, chemical spills, occupational exposures, product misuse, drug interactions, and pet poisonings.

We reduce your health care costs.....

Nearly 75% of Poison Center callers are treated at home.....safely. That saves the

region's residents over \$12 million/year in unnecessary health care costs.

We work to prevent poisonings and monitor for chemical or bioterrorism.....

Reported poisonings are monitored for new or unusually dangerous hazards. When we identify a problem we urge the manufacturers and government regulators to change the formulation, improve the closure, or even ban the product. Real-time poisoning data is continuously analyzed for patterns that could signal terrorism or product contamination.

More than 50,000 Washington metro area residents call the Poison Center for help each year. There is never a charge for the service, no matter how trivial or serious the problem, but each call costs the Center about \$50. Less than half of the Poison Center's funding is provided by government.

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution to save one, two, ten... or twenty lives!

Please check one: \$50 \$100 \$500 \$1000 other_____

Name _____

Address _____

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