

Poison Centre News

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## **National Poison Prevention Week Theme: Empowering Canada for a safer tomorrow!**

**March 17-23, 2024**

In recognition of the upcoming National Poison Prevention Week (March 17-23, 2024), Ontario Poison Centre (OPC) is joining with Parachute and organizations across Canada to promote a pan-Canadian theme for Poison Prevention Week – Poison Prevention: Empowering Canada for a safer tomorrow.

Each year, more than 4,000 Canadians lose their lives due to poisoning and annual unintentional poisoning deaths have now surpassed transport-related deaths in Canada. With many potential poisons – such as medications, household cleaners and cannabis products – in and around the home, it's important to know how to safely store these items and what to do in the event of a poisoning.

If you would like to some magnets or static stickers for your organization to distribute, please contact us via email [Poison.Information@sickkids.ca](mailto:Poison.Information@sickkids.ca)

Follow us for Poison Prevention information and local participation in Ontario during National Poison Prevention Week.

- X (@ON\_Poison)
- Facebook (Ontario Poison Centre)
- Instagram (ontariopoisoncentre)

Stay up to date with us during National Poison Prevention Week by looking for hashtags:

**#EmpowerPoisonPrevention** (Canada)

**#NPPW2024** (North America)

Check out the Ontario Poison Centre website ([ontariopoisoncentre.ca](http://ontariopoisoncentre.ca)) for great resources to help families stay safe:

### **Common Poisons Section**

- Browse through a searchable list of [household products](#) to learn more about their poison risk, and what to do if someone has been exposed.
- Learn about the top 10 most common household exposures in 2022, separated by age group.
- Check out the [poison storage checklist](#), made by our friends at Parachute (Canada's national charity dedicated to injury prevention).

### **For Families Section**

- Learn about [poison prevention](#) strategies you can use in your home.
- Visit our [cannabis hub](#) to learn about why cannabis is more dangerous for children than for adults, and what you can do to prevent an unintentional poisoning from occurring.

\*Includes Ontario, Manitoba and Nunavut Centres

## Additional Resources

- Check out the About Kids Health Poison Hub  
<https://www.aboutkidshealth.ca/poisonprevention>

Remember: If an unintentional poisoning occurs, contact your local poison centre using National Number:

**Ontario: /Manitoba: 1-844-764-7669/Nunavut: Local Health Centre**

For a full list of Canadian Poison Centre Numbers: [Canadian Association for Poison Centres and Clinical Toxicology](#)