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When the  
unexpected  
happens, Poison  
Help is here for  
you.



# National Poison Prevention Week 2026

Tennessee Poison Center  
March 15th-21st, 2026



#NPPW2026 #TPC

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- The Tennessee Poison Center is the only poison control center in the state of Tennessee and serves 7.13 million Tennesseans in all 95 counties.
- We are one of the most important rapid response teams and are the only organization in Tennessee providing 24/7 surveillance for biochemical terrorism and monitoring for viral, chemical, and biological threats.
- We provide a toll-free multilingual 24/7 Poison Help Hotline in more than 150 languages.
- In 2024, the largest age group accounting for 46.5% of poison exposures were under the age of 5, but anyone can be poisoned at any age. In fact, 9 in 10 deaths are adult poison exposures.
- The Tennessee Poison Center saved Tennessee taxpayers an estimated 44.6 million dollars in unnecessary emergency visits in calendar year 2024.
- We advise everyone to save the toll-free Poison Help Hotline number in their phone, place a magnet on the fridge, and stickers near or on your phone. We recommend posting the Poison Help number, 1-800-222-1222, anywhere you might need it in case of an emergency or for an information call about drugs or toxins.

When a poison exposure happens, Poison Centers are ready 24/7/365 with fast, free treatment advice by calling Poison Help (1-800-222-1222). Whether it is a question or an emergency, Poison Help can provide life-saving information when people need it the most. The Tennessee Poison Center is staffed by medically trained poison specialists and is supported by 2 board-certified medical toxicologists.

Anything can be poisonous if used in the wrong way, in the wrong amount, by the wrong person. Poison exposures happen every day to people of all ages. Exposures can happen anywhere, including at home, at work, at school, at the grocery store, or at a sports game. The Tennessee Poison Center is available to help any person, emergency response team, and healthcare professional. We provide free professional and public education resources.

This year National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) is March 15<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>, 2026. NPPW is a week dedicated to raising awareness about poison control centers and the Poison Help Hotline (1-800-222-1222). We encourage you to join us in educating the public on the valuable services we provide to keep our state and the ones we love safe.

To order materials for this special week, please fill out the attached literature request form and fax or email it by February 27<sup>th</sup> to get supplies for NPPW. A picture guide of materials you can order can also be found on our website, [www.tnpoisoncenter.org](http://www.tnpoisoncenter.org). These ship at no cost to you! Please email any questions to our Coordinator of Community Outreach, Sophie Raffo, [sophie.raffo@vumc.org](mailto:sophie.raffo@vumc.org). Phone: (615)936-0760 Fax: (615)936-0756

