

Poison Prevention: Keeping You & Your Family Safe

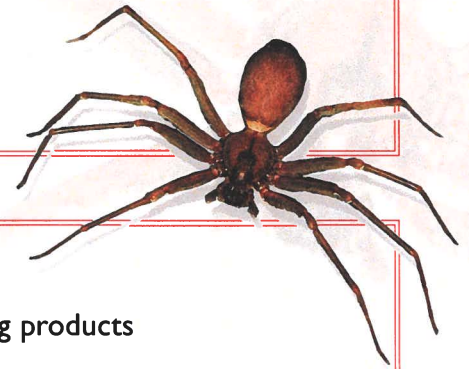
The Illinois Poison Center (IPC) provides **free**, 24-hour confidential poison prevention and treatment recommendations to the general public and health care providers via a toll-free hotline: 1-800-222-1222. Specially trained physicians, nurses pharmacists and other poison information specialists will answer your call.

Services are offered in English and Spanish to better serve the growing Latino population of Illinois. The IPC stands by its confidentiality policy: no information is shared or reported to immigration or DCFS (Department of Child and Family Services) officials.

If you experience an unwanted or unexpected reaction or have questions about any of the following, call 1-800-222-1222:



- Pesticides
- Cleaning Products
- Reaction to Medicines
- Bites & Stings
- Lead
- Food Poisoning
- Carbon Monoxide
- Herbal Products & Vitamins
- Plants
- Home Remedies
- Alcohol or Drug Misuse
- Medication Errors



Poison Prevention Tips:

- Always read the labels and directions on medication, chemicals and cleaning products
- Never mix or share prescription medications with others
- Store medicine, alcohol and cleaning products up high, out of sight and reach of children
- Keep all products in their original containers with their original labels to avoid confusion
- Never mix cleaning products, as you might create an unexpected and dangerous chemical reaction
- Wash any clothes exposed to pesticides separately from other laundry
- Do not induce vomiting
- Never eat mushrooms, berries or any part of an unknown plant
- Program the IPC's number in your cell phone or keep the sticker/magnet close to your home phone



Save this number **1-800-222-1222**
to your cell phone, one day it may save
your life!

