



Poison Prevention and Education

- NJPIES stands for the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System also the New Jersey Poison Control System. We are available 24-hours-a-day, to answer questions, provide information and emergency support, related to anything, any substance that could hurt someone, kill them or make them sick. So, basically, we take calls 24-7 to help people with poison exposures.
- We pretty much say, "Call anytime." It doesn't have to be for anything specific. We are there 24/7, 365. Call if you believe it's a potential poisoning, if it is a poisoning. But most of all, if somebody is unresponsive, call 911. We are there to support and help.
- At the Poison Control Center, we consider a poison to be anything that when used in the wrong way, by the wrong person, or in the wrong amount, could potentially become deadly. It could hurt someone. Even things that we think might not be very dangerous, could become dangerous.
- We can take calls to provide information for individuals. So, if somebody is taking a medication and maybe they are reading the label and they are not quite sure what those instructions are saying. Or, they are told about medications that they are being prescribed by their doctor and they are a little bit unsure about what that medication is or how they should take it. They can give us a call and one of our specialists will be able to give them information, help clarify what that label is saying, or help them clarify what their doctor may have said to them, and help them understand how to take that medication.

- We're on line, chat, text. For those that may be hearing impaired or any type of disability, we do have other options. And, we are there 24-7, 365. A doctor, nurse, or pharmacist is on hand to help and support.
 - For those that work with people with special needs and disabilities, don't be afraid to call. You know, that was one of the things I did see working in the field. It's a lot easier to call us than 911. I'll be honest. What it does is it provides a sense of support. That way when you do have to report the case or speak to parents, it's better to say, "Hey, I called Poison Control. This is the information they gave us." Versus, "I reached out to the police". Or when you have to deal with parents and things like that. We definitely are a great service for special needs and those who support them.
 - So, all Poison Control Centers are available through the National Poison Helpline which is 1-800-222-1222. In the state of New Jersey, you can also chat with us via our website which is www.njpies.org. So N J P I E S dot org.
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