

Palmetto Poison Center



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US Regional Poison Centers

55 poison centers serve the entire US

- **Operate 24/7: Mission to reduce harm tied to poisoning and toxin-related injury**
- **Nurses, pharmacists, physicians**
- **Free, confidential**
- **Language line for non-English speakers**

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Only Poison Center in SC for all 46 counties

- **Over 30,000 human exposure calls annually**
 - **53% cases involve children**
 - **25% from healthcare professionals**
 - **90% safely managed at home**

Over 61,000 points of contact with SC citizens

Public Health Surveillance



**Food
poisoning**



**Animal
bites**



**Biochemical
exposures**



**Carbon
monoxide**



**Trending
substances**

Outreach & Statewide Partnerships



**Safe Kids
Worldwide**



**Department of
Social
Services**



**Medicaid Service
agencies**



**SC
DHEC**



**SC School Nurse
Association**



**Faith based
organizations**

Frequent Poisoning Substances

**Pain relievers
(including
opioids)**

**Cosmetic/
personal care
products**

**Questions/
exposures
concerning
emerging drugs
of abuse**

Antidepressants

**Cleaning
substances**

Antihistamines

Cost Savings

Poison Centers save more than \$1.8 billion annually in the US in unnecessary medical costs and lost productivity

Cost Saving Benefits for South Carolina

**\$1 spent on a
poison center**

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**\$13 saved in
unnecessary
healthcare costs**

Impacts for South Carolina Citizens



Avoiding lost wages and unnecessary expenses



Poison prevention and outreach



Decreases healthcare burden



Free 24/7 access to healthcare professionals

State Budget Funding Request

- **~\$350,000 annually since 2018**
- **Minimum request: \$150k increase**
- **Ideal: \$350k increase**
- **Middle: \$250k increase**

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