

Medicine Safety for Children

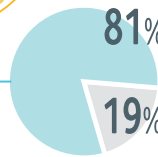
What's causing so many calls to poison centers?

1.34 M calls are made to poison centers each year for children.

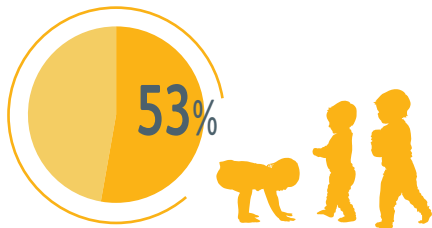


49% are medicine-related.

We analyzed **547,042** calls.



LITTLE KIDS



Percent of total calls that were for children ages 1 and 2 years.



Percent of ER visits for young children getting into medicine where the medicine belonged to grandparent, aunt or uncle.

TEENS



Percent of 15-19 year olds who have serious outcomes from medicine poisoning is 6 times greater than for 1-4 year olds.

10,000

Number of ER visits that occur each year for over-the-counter medicine overdoses by self-medicating teens.



WHAT KINDS OF MEDICINE?

The most common medicines that children under 4 get into are ibuprofen, multivitamins and diaper care and rash products.



The most common medicines that result in serious medical issues for teens include those used to treat mental health conditions or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).



Remember to save the Poison Help number on your phone.

1-800-222-1222

For more medication safety tips visit www.safekids.org

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