

Poison Centre News

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National Poison Prevention Week Theme: Empowering Canada for a safer tomorrow!

March 17-23, 2024

In recognition of the upcoming National Poison Prevention Week (March 17-23, 2024), Ontario Poison Centre (OPC) is joining with Parachute and organizations across Canada to promote a pan-Canadian theme for Poison Prevention Week – Poison Prevention: Empowering Canada for a safer tomorrow.

Each year, more than 4,000 Canadians lose their lives due to poisoning and annual unintentional poisoning deaths have now surpassed transport-related deaths in Canada. With many potential poisons – such as medications, household cleaners and cannabis products – in and around the home, it's important to know how to safely store these items and what to do in the event of a poisoning.

Follow us for Poison Prevention information and local participation in Manitoba during National Poison Prevention Week.

- X ([@SharedHealthMB](#))
- Facebook (Sharedhealthmb)
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During National Poison Prevention Week, look for hashtags **#EmpowerPoisonPrevention** (Canada) and **#NPPW2024** (North America) to stay up to date with messages and activities taking place related to poison prevention.

Check out the Manitoba Poison Centre website (www.manitobapoison.ca) for great resources to help families stay safe:

Common Poisons Section

- Browse through a searchable list of household products to learn more about their poison risk, and what to do if someone has been exposed.
- Learn about the top 10 most common household exposures in 2022, separated by age group.
- Check out the poison storage checklist, made by our friends at Parachute (Canada national charity dedicated to injury prevention).

For Families Section

- Learn about poison prevention strategies you can use in your home.
- Visit our cannabis hub to learn about why cannabis is more dangerous for children than for adults, and what you can do to prevent an unintentional poisoning from occurring.

Additional Resources

*Including all three sites- Ontario, Manitoba and Nunavut Poison Centres

- Check out the About Kids Health Poison Hub
<https://www.aboutkidshealth.ca/poisonprevention>

Remember: If an unintentional poisoning occurs, contact your local poison centre:

Manitoba: 1-844-764-7669

For a full list of Canadian Poison Centre Numbers: [Canadian Association for Poison Centres and Clinical Toxicology](#)