OKLAHOMA **POISON CENTER** 2024 Annual Report

The Oklahoma Poison Center is a vital public health service providing emergency management guidance for poison exposures, poison prevention education, and drug information to the residents of Oklahoma.

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2024 IN REVIEW

47% of human exposure calls involved children 5 years of age or younger.



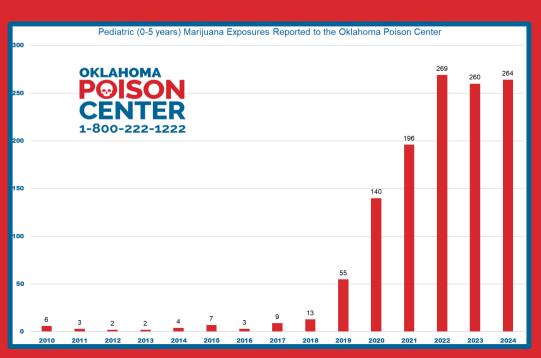
In 2024, the Oklahoma Poison Center received a total of 34,914 poison and drug-related calls and placed another 30,593 follow-up calls to ensure patient safety and verify outcome.

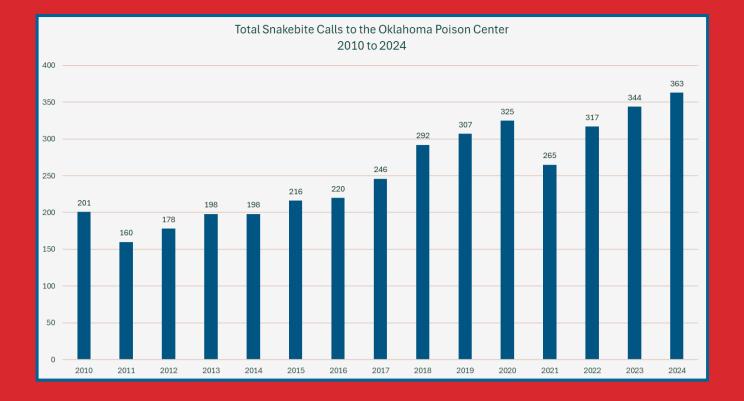
The poison center is staffed 24 hours a day by specially trained and certified pharmacists and nurses, under the guidance of one board certified clinical toxicologist and two board certified medical toxicologists to manage the Poison Helpline 1-800-222-1222.

The poison center is a source for poison exposure care advice, as well as patient management guidelines for emergency departments and emergency personnel statewide. In 2024, 25% of human exposure calls to the Poison Helpline were from medical professionals.

In 2024, the Oklahoma Poison Center received 264 calls that involved children aged 0-5 years exposed to marijuana in our state. Of these, 209 children (80%) were treated in a healthcare facility.







IN 2024, THE OKLAHOMA POISON CENTER HELPED IN THE MANAGEMENT OF 363 SNAKE BITES:

160 Copperhead
38 Rattlesnake (all types)
12 Cottonmouth
102 Unknown Type of Venomous Snake
34 Unknown Whether Venomous or Not
15 Non-venomous
2 Exotic Snakes

