

2018

2018 Poison Control Data Snapshot

Overview of the 36th Annual Report of the American Association of Poison Control Centers' National Poison Data System

The American Association of Poison Control Centers represents the 55 U.S. Poison Control Centers (PCC). PCCs provide real-time poison exposure education, and prevention services via telephone, 24/7/365. PCCs employ doctors, nurses, and pharmacists who have specialized training in poisoning prevention and treatment.



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Poison Control Centers

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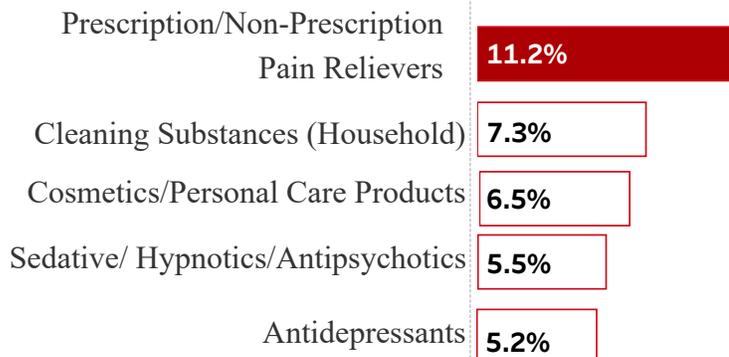
U.S. poison control centers

- responded to 2,099,751 human exposures cases
- on average, receiving an exposure case every 15 seconds
- serve all 50 states, Washington D.C., U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and 3 Pacific Jurisdictions

HOT TOPICS

- 55,003 exposures to opioids (2.2%), excluding heroin and fentanyl
- 7,656 heroin exposures (0.3%)
- 2,095 fentanyl exposures (0.1%)
- 3,142 e-cigarette exposures (0.1%)

TOP 5 POISON EXPOSURES

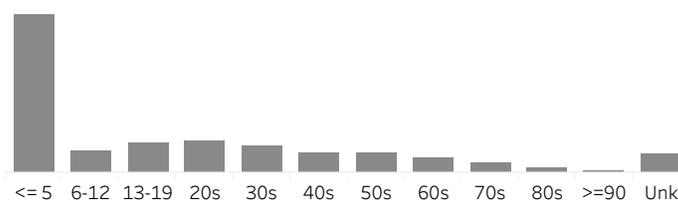


88%

OF ALL CASES WERE SINGLE SUBSTANCE EXPOSURES

DISTRIBUTION OF HUMAN EXPOSURE CASES

WHO WAS EXPOSED ?



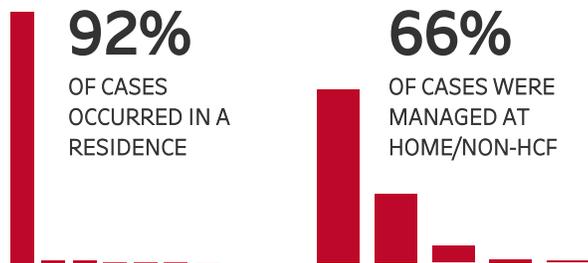
AGE GROUPS OF CASES

44%

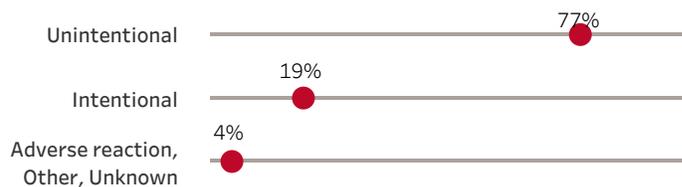
OF CASES WERE CHILDREN AGES <= 5

Many clinically serious cases occurred among teens and adults.

REASON, LOCATION, CASE MANAGEMENT



The majority of cases were a result of an **unintentional exposure** to a substance.



13%

OF ALL EXPOSURES WERE SUSPECTED SUICIDE

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