

CHILD POISONINGS IN ALBERTA (CHILDREN 0 - 5 YEARS OLD)

 **1 IN 3** CALLS TO
 **ALBERTA'S POISON CENTRE**
 WERE ABOUT **CHILDREN**
0 - 5 YEARS OF AGE.¹


WITH AN AVERAGE OF:
22 CALLS PER DAY



ESTIMATED AVERAGE YEARLY
COST OF CALLS²
(CONCERNING CHILDREN 0 - 5)

\$1,308,800



        
5 IN 10 POISONINGS TO KIDS³
0 - 5 YEARS OF AGE
REQUIRING TREATMENT AT A CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
INVOLVED **MEDICATIONS**
(BOTH PRESCRIPTION AND OVER-THE-COUNTER)



1 IN 3 OF THESE CHILDRENS'
MEDICATION POISONINGS INVOLVED
ACETAMINOPHEN OR **IBUPROFEN**

SUBSTANCES **MOST OFTEN** INVOLVED IN CALLS TO **PADIS***

- » Acetaminophen (Adult and Pediatric versions)
- » Essential Oils
- » Hand Sanitizers: Ethanol-based
- » Ibuprofen
- » Laundry Detergents: Liquids (pods)
- » Melatonin
- » Other Foreign Body (e.g. candles, hair clips)
- » Toothpaste with Fluoride
- » Vitamin D



* PADIS: Poison & Drug Information Service

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