Poisoning in Arizona among residents 0-19 years, 2012

4629 Arizona children and teens were treated at a hospital for non-fatal poisoning (879 inpatients and 3750 emergency department visits).

23 Arizona children and teens died from poisoning in 2012.

The 879 non-fatal inpatient hospitalizations resulted in over $14.4 million in hospital charges (mean=$16,419) and a total of 1703 days spent hospitalized.

Among the 3750 emergency department visits, another $12.3 million in hospital charges were accrued, where each patient paid an average of $3,298.

Poisoning Prevention
⇒ Store household cleaners in their original containers, away from children
⇒ Monitor the use of medicines prescribed for children and teenagers
⇒ Discard unused, unneeded, or expired medication
⇒ Take advantage of community drug take-back programs
⇒ Check with local police department about drop-boxes in your community
⇒ Identify poisonous plants and remove them from children’s reach
⇒ Know the national poison control number: 1-800-222-1222

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Rate of All Hospital and ED Visits per 10,000 Arizonans, by Age and Sex

Top 5 Substances Listed on Death Certificates among Arizonans 0-19 in 2012

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