Maryland Poison Center
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

- The **Maryland Poison Center** is certified by the American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC) as a regional poison center and has provided poisoning treatment advice, education, and prevention services to Marylanders since 1972.

- The mission of the **Maryland Poison Center** is to decrease the cost and complexity of poisoning and overdose care while maintaining and/or improving patient outcomes.

- The center is open 24 hours a day, every day of the year, and is reached by calling **1-800-222-1222**.

- A quick call to the **Maryland Poison Center** is faster and a lot less expensive than going to the emergency room. More than 60 per cent of all cases reported to the Maryland Poison Center are managed safely at home!

- Experts at the **Maryland Poison Center** handled over 44,000 calls in 2015, involving household cleaners, medicines, snake and spider bites, plants and chemicals in the home and workplace.

- Pharmacists and nurses with specialized clinical toxicology training answer your calls to the **Maryland Poison Center**. They are experts who are certified by the AAPCC as Specialists in Poison Information. These fifteen Specialists have over 250 years of combined experience managing poisoning and overdose cases!

- The Executive Director of the program is board certified in Clinical Toxicology. The Medical Director is board certified in Emergency Medicine and Medical Toxicology.

- The **Maryland Poison Center** promotes poison prevention through educational materials, programs for children and adults, and exhibits at health fairs and events. Education for health professionals is accomplished through classes, in-services, publications, and on-site training.

- Every dollar spent on poison center services saves $13.69 in health care costs. The **Maryland Poison Center** along with the other 55 poison centers in the United States save $1.8 billion dollars each year.

The **Maryland Poison Center** is part of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in Baltimore.

For more information on the **Maryland Poison Center**, log on to **www.mdpoison.com**