Poisonings in Florida

SURVEILLANCE DATA: 2014

Poisonings were the second leading cause of injury death. 2,763 died from poisoning. 19,108 were hospitalized for non-fatal poisonings.

Poisonings are the leading cause of injury-related deaths and hospitalizations among Florida residents ages 25–54 years.

Fatal unintentional poisoning by prescription drugs is a public health concern—drug overdose is the leading cause of unintentional injury death for adults.

Prevent Poisonings

Put medicines away after use.
Take only the prescribed amount of a medicine.
Avoid harmful interactions. Give your health care provider a list of all your medicines: prescriptions, over-the-counter medicine, vitamins & herbal products.
Safely dispose leftover or unwanted medications.
Never tell anyone, especially children, that medicine is candy.

Install a carbon monoxide alarm on every level of your home and near sleeping areas.

THE MOST COMMON POISONS:
- Prescription & over-the-counter medications.
- Cleaning products & makeup.
- Personal care products.

Unintentional Poisoning Includes:
- Unsupervised ingestion of drugs or chemicals.
- Overdoses or the excessive use of a drug.
- Exposure to environmental substances.

Leaving more...
Florida Poisoning Rates per 100,000

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$22,550
The median admission charge for poisoning-related, non-fatal unintentional injury hospitalizations.

$683 million
Total charges exceeded this amount.

2 days
The median length of stay.

WHO PAID?
Medicare, 34%
Self-pay/under-insured, 22%
Medicaid, 22%

Adults ages 25–64 had the highest poisoning fatality and hospitalization rates.

40% Deaths
56% Hospitalizations

60% Deaths
44% Hospitalizations

82% Poisoning Deaths & Non-Fatal Hospitalizations Combined

12% Poisoning Deaths & Non-Fatal Hospitalizations Combined

5% Poisoning Deaths & Non-Fatal Hospitalizations Combined

WHO IS INJURED?

Females
1,095 Deaths
10,768 Non-Fatal Hospitalizations

Males
1,668 Deaths
8,340 Non-Fatal Hospitalizations

Whites
2,543 Poisoning Deaths
15,382 Non-Fatal Hospitalizations

Blacks
174 Poisoning Deaths
2,486 Non-Fatal Hospitalizations

Others & Non-Whites
42 Poisoning Deaths
1,015 Non-Fatal Hospitalizations

Both Sexes, All Races
2,763 Poisoning Deaths
19,108 Non-Fatal Hospitalizations

Florida Violence and Injury Prevention Program