



Banner Good Samaritan
Medical Center



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Banner Poison Control Center

Each year in Maricopa County, more than 15,000 children under the age of three are poisoned. More than 20,000 adults, over the age of 20, also become poisoned. Over 8,000 people receive envenomations from rattlesnakes, scorpions, spiders and other creatures from the Sonoran Desert. While most poisonings occur in the home and are not serious, there are instances when a poisoning is very serious and can result in medical problems.

Located at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center, the Banner Poison Control Center is here to help. The center provides a free, 24-hour emergency telephone service for both residents and medical professionals of Maricopa County. The Hotline is staffed by nurses or pharmacists highly trained in the recognition and assessment of poisonings, first aid treatment and drug information.

The Banner Poison Control Center is supported by Banner Health, the State of Arizona, United Way and charitable donations. The Poison Center serves Maricopa County and central Arizonap, providing rapid access to poison information, first aid and treatment recommendations.

Physician and Pharmacist Support

The Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center Department of Medical Toxicology in Phoenix provides physician support to the Poison Center. The Poison Center physicians and pharmacists are available 24 hours a day to manage the care of the poisoned patient.

Community Education

Our community educators develop and distribute a variety of educational materials to the residents of Maricopa County, including a "Bites and Stings" brochure. The center holds exhibits and workshops for businesses, schools and community groups.



Both educational materials and services are available in English and Spanish. For more information, please call (602) 239-2345 or FAX to (602) 256-7579

They also maintain an informative Web site that lists common and dangerous critters, plants and products that are often the cause of several childhood poisonings. Access the site at www.BannerPoisonControl.com.

Community Support

The Banner Poison Control Center is a United Way agency and was established in 1979 by the late Donald B. Kunkel, M.D.

Serving all of Maricopa County and central Arizona, the non-profit Poison Center relies on state funding, the United Way, grants from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration, private agencies and donations from individuals and families.

*Our mission:
We exist to make a difference in people's lives through excellent patient care.*