

New Provider for Idaho Poison Control Center Services

Beginning July 1, Idaho calls for poison emergencies will be handled by the Nebraska Regional Poison Center (NRPC). The poison emergency hotline (**1-800-222-1222**), scope of services, and resources provided for emergency calls from Idaho will remain the same as under the previous contractor.

Since 1994, Idaho families and healthcare providers have relied on the regional poison control center to provide free, 24-hour emergency telephone service designed to assess and make treatment recommendations for all kinds of poisoning emergencies. When a poisoning emergency happens in the home or workplace, it is important to act quickly as those few precious minutes could save a life. Poisonings are the third leading cause of unintentional injury hospitalizations among Idahoans each year and children under the age of two are especially vulnerable to unintentional poisoning.

For questions or more information, please contact the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's (IDHW) Injury Prevention and Surveillance Program Manager, Steve Manning at (208) 334-4963. For a related IDHW press release, see the "From the News Room" section at <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/>. You can also visit the NRPC website at www.nebraskapoisson.com/