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Exposures to household chemical products

Calls managed by the NSW Poisons Information Centre
June 2014 - May 2015



33 000+
calls received
by the NSW PIC

Over half of calls relate
to children under 5



54.3%

Under 5 years old



36.5%

Over 20 years old

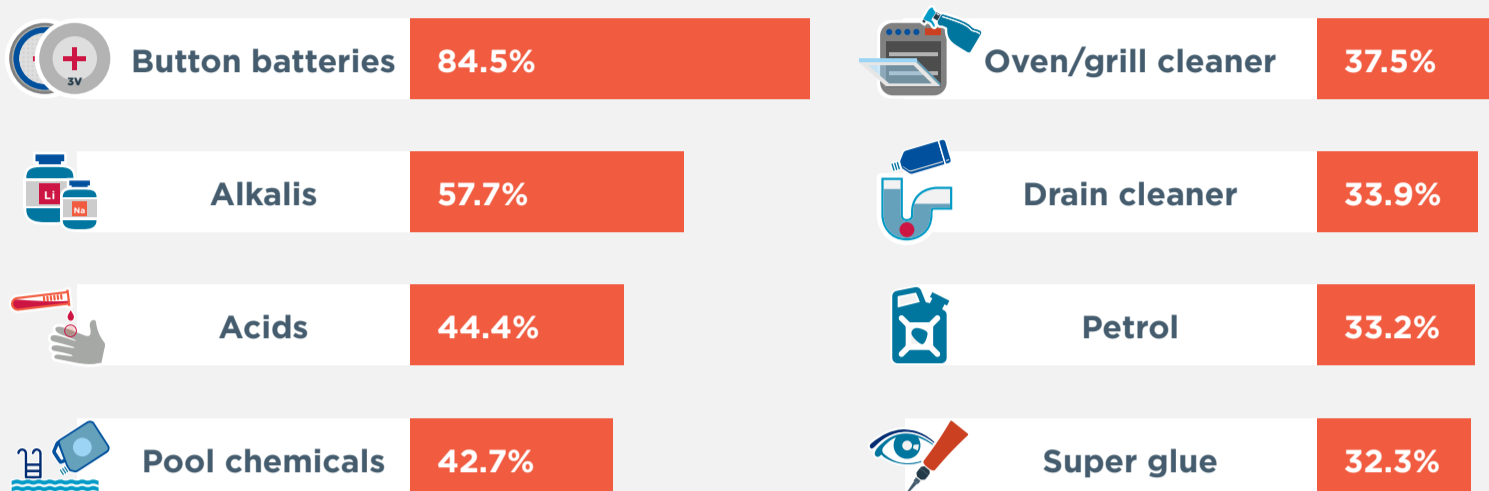
2.2% 15 - 19 years

7% 5 - 14 years

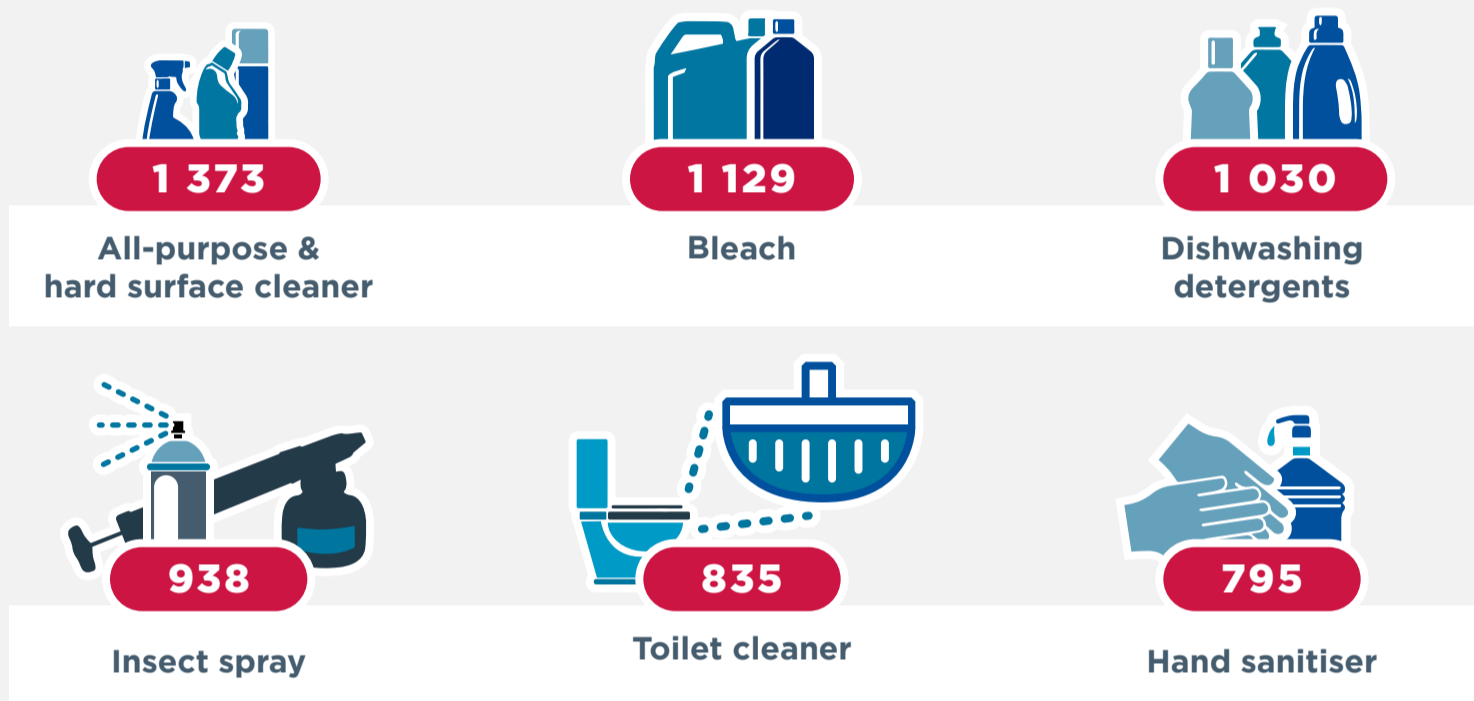
In Australia during 2009-2010, over 2 500 hospitalisations were due to poisoning.



Products with high rates of hospital referral



Products with most calls seeking advice



Children under 5 are most at risk from cleaning products left around the home.



For 5 to 14 year olds, glow toys made up 11% of the calls for this age group.



Adults are most likely to be exposed to chemicals when cleaning at home.



Safety tips

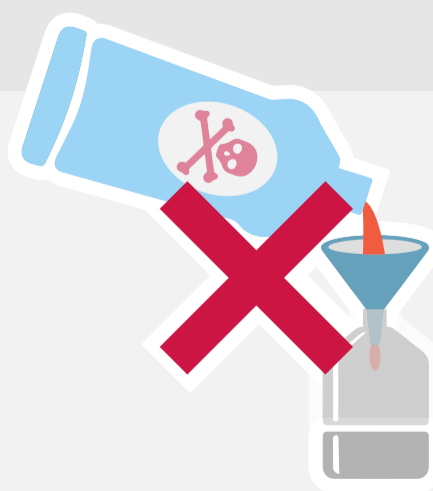
1. Keep out of reach of children



2. Read the instructions & take care



3. Store chemicals in original containers



Poison Information Hotline

13 11 26

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Data provided by the NSW Poisons Information Centre for calls received from 1 June 2014 to 31 May 2015. The data was edited to remove duplicate information about single cases and calls relating to medicine exposures, bites and stings.

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