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## ALLARD ANNOUNCES NEW NATIONAL HOTLINE NUMBER FOR POISON CENTERS U.S. SENATOR ENCOURAGES COLORADANS TO USE NEW NUMBER

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) today announced a new national hotline for poison centers. He is encouraging Coloradans to use the new number 1-800-222-1222 to speak with specially trained nurses, pharmacists and doctors to learn how to prevent accidental poisonings and to answer any poison related questions.

Poison experts at national poison centers receive over 6,000 calls per day from concerned parents and people in life threatening situations. For the first time, a national hotline number has been created to connect callers with the closest local poison center no matter where the call comes from in the country.

Senator Allard is joining the national effort to make the new poison number a part of every Coloradan's home by encouraging the use of the new poison center number at 1-800-222-1222 and visiting his website at <http://allard.senate.gov> to link to more information about this life saving resource.