

PRODUCT INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL POISONS INFORMATION CENTRE

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ROLE OF THE NATIONAL POISONS INFORMATION CENTRE (NPIC)

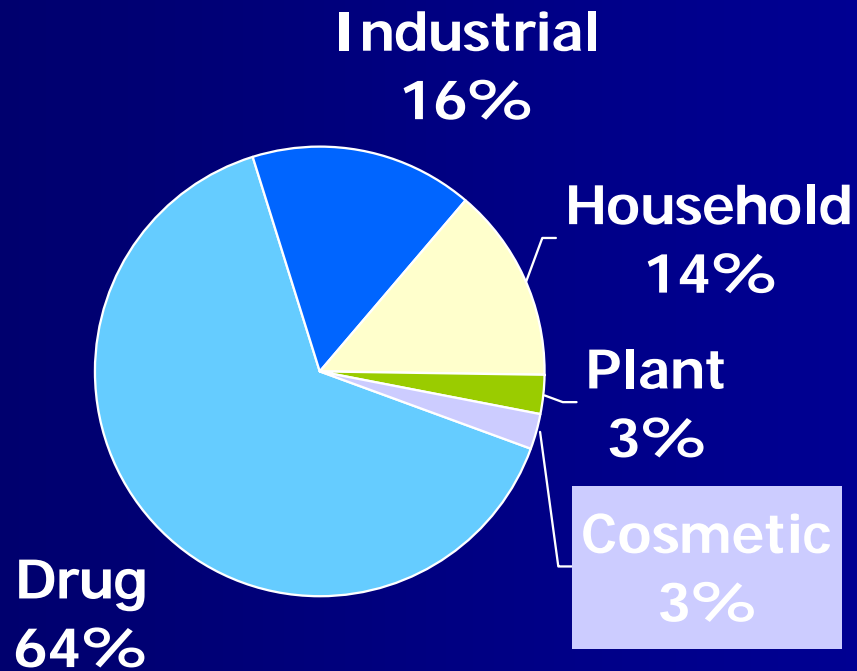
■ Telephone information service

- Advice to doctors and healthcare professionals on diagnosis and management of acute poisoning (70%)
- Advice to members of the public on the need for urgent medical treatment following suspected accidental poisoning (25%)
- 9,838 enquiries in 2009

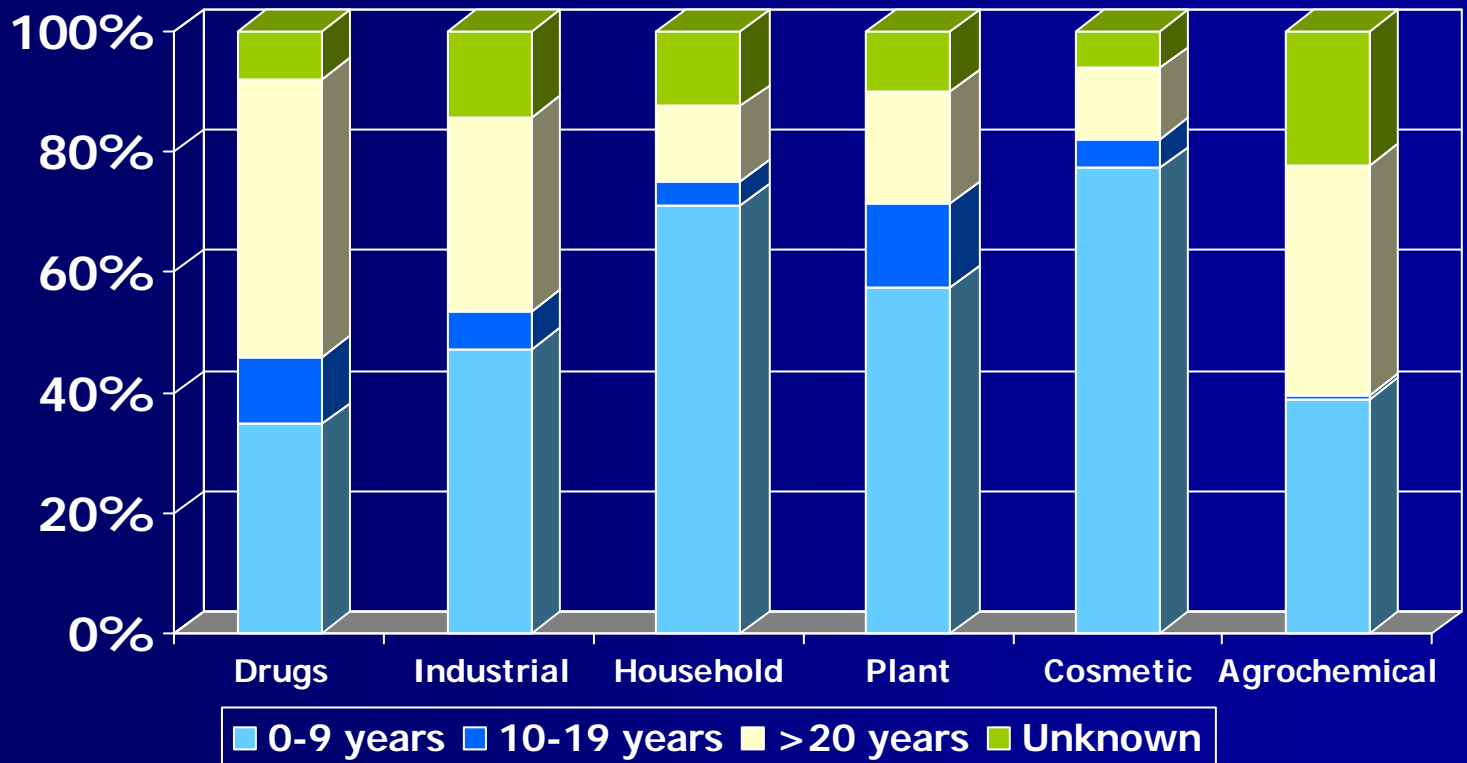
■ 24 hour service

- NPIC staff in Dublin answer calls 8am-10pm
- After 10pm calls diverted automatically to UK National Poisons Information Service

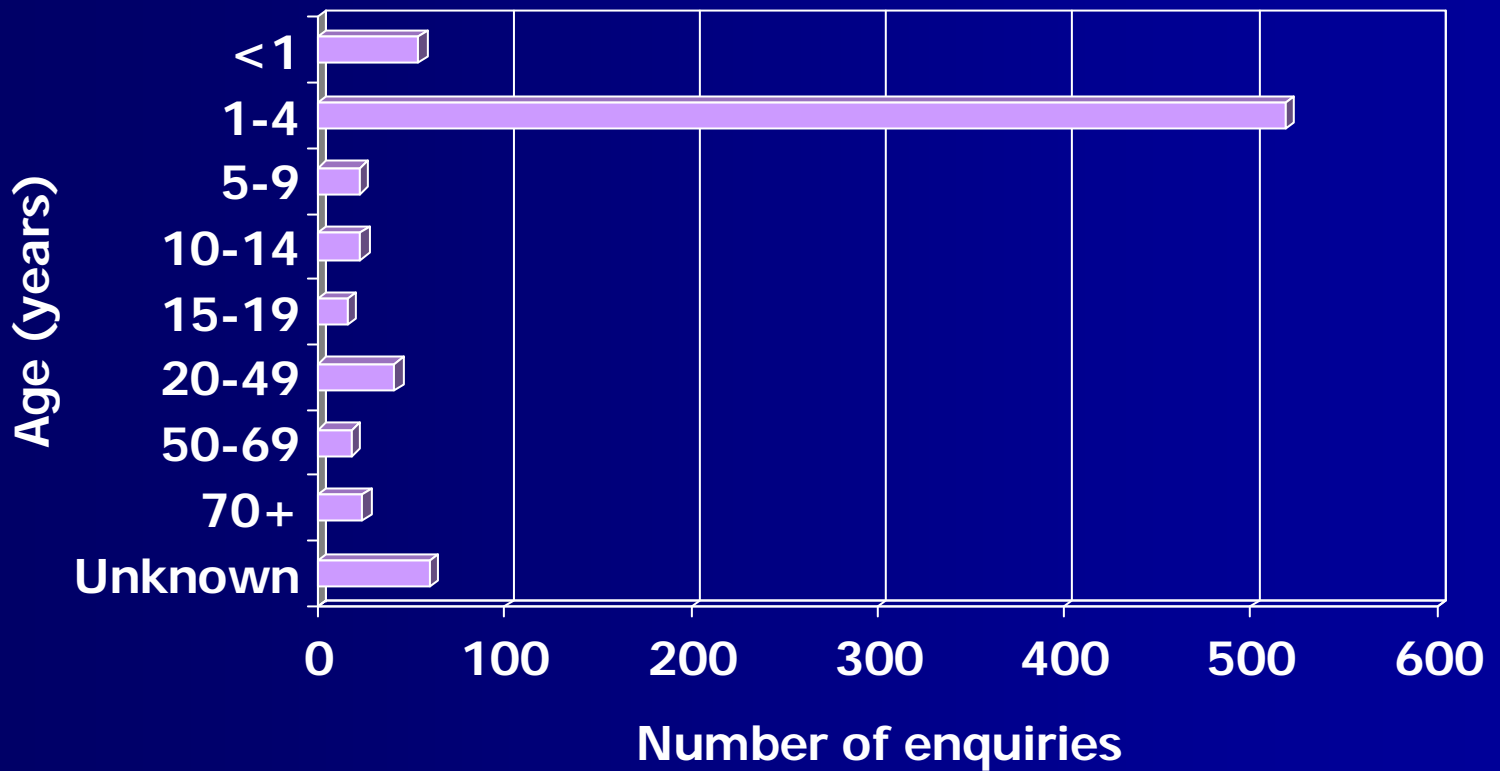
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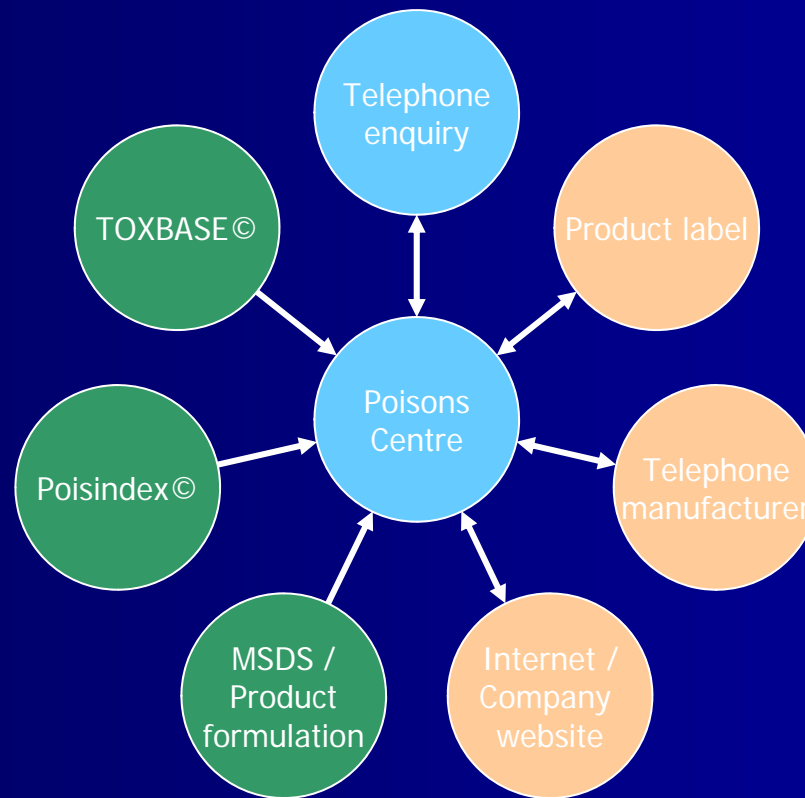
ENQUIRIES ABOUT COSMETIC PRODUCTS



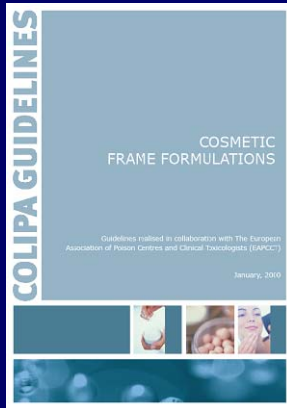
MOST COMMON COSMETIC PRODUCT ENQUIRIES

Product type	% of cosmetic product enquiries
Nail care	26.7
Baby care	21.0
Hair care	13.1
Dental care	12.4
Aftershave/Perfume	6.5
Skin care	6.5
Antiperspirant/Body spray	6.2
Sun tan products	4.0
Bath/Shower products	3.7
Soaps	3.2

SOURCES OF INFORMATION USED BY THE POISONS CENTRE



INFORMATION FOR THE POISONS CENTRE



- COLIPA/EAPCCT Frame Formulations
 - Details the type of ingredients and their maximum concentration for most cosmetic products on the European market.
 - Full details available from www.poisons.ie

- EU Cosmetics Products Notification Portal (expected 2011)
- In the interim
 - Electronic submission preferred
 - pdf, Microsoft Word or rtf
 - E-mail to npicdublin@beaumont.ie or post on CD/DVD

Frame Formulation Number: **1.1 - 2000**

VARIOUS SKIN CREAMS, LOTIONS, SCRUBS, GELS
(FOR MOISTURISING/ CLEANSING/ SLIMMING/ TREATING)

<u>Ingredients</u>	<u>Maximum levels (% w/w)</u>
Oils (vegetable and mineral e.g. <i>paraffinum liquidum</i>), waxes and fatty alcohols, including <i>lanolin</i> and lanolin derivatives	95
Humectants (e.g. <i>glycerin</i> , <i>propylene glycol</i> , PEG)	25
Emulsifying agents (e.g. <i>glyceryl stearate</i> , PEG stearate)	25
Ethanol (<i>alcohol</i> , <i>alcohol denat.</i>)	25
Silicones (e.g. <i>dimethicone</i> , <i>cyclomethicone</i>)	20
Anionic / amphoteric / non-ionic surfactants (e.g. <i>sodium cocoyl isethionate</i> , <i>sodium laureth sulfate</i>)	20
Viscosity controlling agents (e.g. <i>carbomer</i> , cellulose-ethers)	12
Emollients (e.g. <i>isopropyl myristate</i> , fatty alcohols)	10
Abrasives (e.g. <i>polyethylene</i> , walnuts)	10
Additional ingredients (e.g. vitamins, antioxidants, plant extracts such as ginseng)	10
Cationic surfactants ($\geq C_{12}$) and polymers (e.g. <i>polyquaternium-7</i> , <i>polyquaternium-24</i> , <i>distearyldimonium chloride</i>)	5
<i>Parfum</i>	5
<i>Zinc oxide</i>	3
Preservatives, antimicrobials	2
Cosmetic colorants (including iron oxides, pearlescent agents)	1
<i>Aqua</i>	to 100

NB: cream perfumes can contain *PARFUM* up to 20 %

Toxicity

Low

Features

Symptoms are unlikely to arise after ingestion of this product. It is possible that nausea and vomiting or diarrhoea may occur.

Management

Gut decontamination or other specific management is unlikely to be required. Treat symptomatically. A small glass of milk or water may be helpful.

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WHY GIVE INFORMATION TO THE POISONS CENTRE?

- Rapid identification of potentially toxic cosmetic products
 - Referral for urgent medical attention
 - Rapid access to treatment guidelines
- Rapid identification of a cosmetic product which is unlikely to result in serious effects to health, when ingested or used inappropriately
 - Prevents unnecessary emergency department attendances and hospital admissions
- Treatment guidelines available outside company office hours.