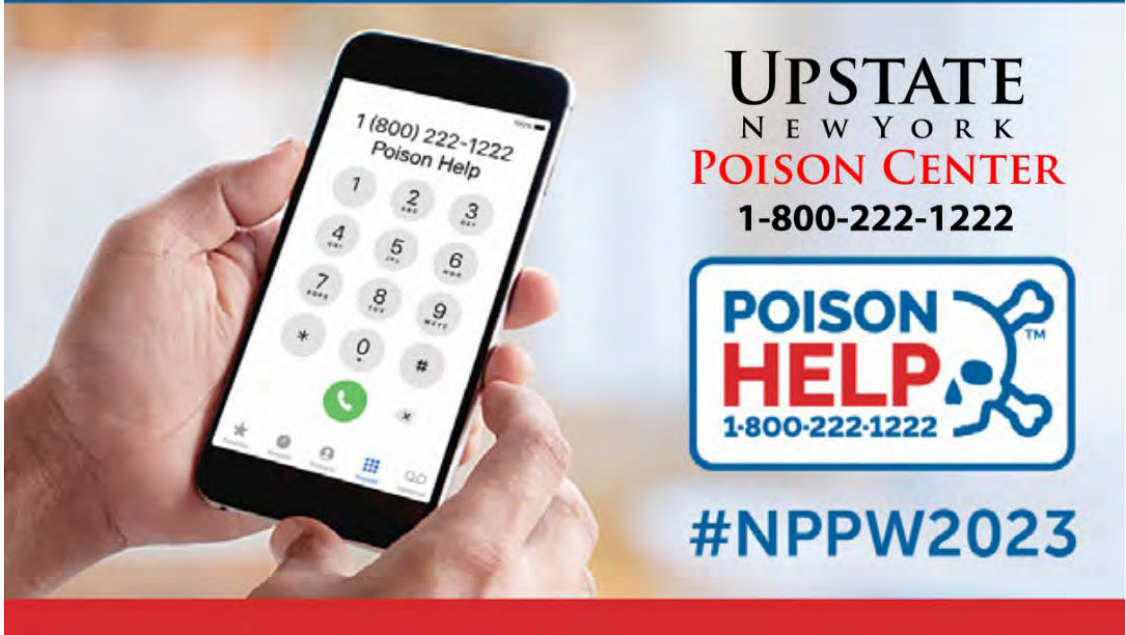


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March 2023 Newsletter

# National Poison Prevention Week

**MARCH 19–25, 2023**



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National Poison Prevention Week 2023: When poison happens, we're here for you.

National Poison Prevention Week is observed during the third week of March every year and exists to highlight the risk of potential poisons and how the 55 poison centers across the country can help.

[Click](#) to find a number of helpful resources to join us in recognizing #NPPW23!

## New Health Educator Webinar

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In collaboration with The NYS Office of Cannabis Management, NYC Poison Control Center & The NY Children's Environmental Health Center.

### The Upstate New York Poison Center presents Health Education Webinar Series: **NYS Cannabis Update**

Presented by

**Lyla Hunt, Katherine Diaz & Rachel Fitzpatrick**  
OCM Public Health & Campaigns Team

and

**Mary Beth Dreyer, MEd**  
UNYPC Public Health Educator

**March 23, 2023**  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Questions: [dreyerm@upstate.edu](mailto:dreyerm@upstate.edu)

Participants will receive:

- an overview of the OCM and their role in protecting public health and safety and educating the public
- information about adult-use cannabis product packaging and the safe storage of cannabis products
- resources available from the Poison Center and OCM to share with communities

Please register: <http://bit.ly/3mtleKL>

## Student Spotlight

We had the pleasure of working with Mona Pudasaini, a senior at Syracuse University studying Information Management & Technology with minors in Public Health and Biology.

An active student leader who is also an EMT and a healthcare worker, Mona has seen firsthand how important preventive care and accessibility to resources like the Upstate New York Poison Center can change lives. After completing our online Teacher Training and learning about the variety of topics the Upstate New York Poison Center covers, Mona decided to focus her outreach efforts on college student vaping – a practice she believes has become quite normalized among her peers. In order to help students gain a better understanding of the consequences surrounding vaping as well as resources that are available to help quit, she developed a series of infographics, and a promotional video.

We were very fortunate to have Mona's dedication and creativity – her future is so very bright!



We can all be proud of our efforts, having come full circle in achieving our #1 goal, seeing pharmaceutical companies take responsibility for their products.

- Gail Banach, Former Director of Public Education and Communications

[Read more about the SNADD Initiative](#)

## Happy Retirement



Gail Banach and Lee Livermore's contributions to the success of the Upstate New York Poison Center are profound. We wish them all the best for a joyful retirement. They will both be greatly missed!



January 2023

## Gail Banach

Gail's 37 years of dedication to our poison center have resulted in a variety of national, state and local initiatives to both raise awareness of our center and help prevent poisonings. She represented America's Poison Centers on 'The Today Show,' developed an online Teacher Training, created various educational videos including "Stop, Ask First" and "Billy the Ball" and was instrumental in leading the Sharps, Needles and Drug Disposal Program in Onondaga County.



October 2022

## Lee Livermore

Throughout his 20+ years at our poison center, Lee collaborated with multiple coalitions and prevention agencies, all while sharing his love of life, genuine kindness and witty sense of humor. His creativity and innovation lead to the development of multiple educational programs on Drugs of Abuse, Cannabis, Vaping and Inhalant Abuse. Lee was also instrumental in the design & distribution of our newsletter, facilitated multiple 911 trainings, mentored numerous Public Health college students, and developed long lasting relationships with those working in the field of Public Health.

## Need more resources?

[Upstatepoison.org](http://Upstatepoison.org) is full of free materials, teacher training, and more.



## Free Materials

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## Public Education Materials

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## Past Webinars

Past webinars for reference.

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