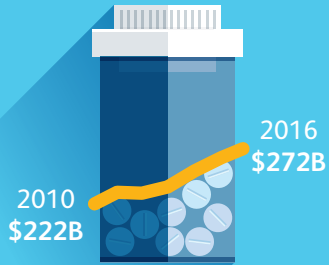
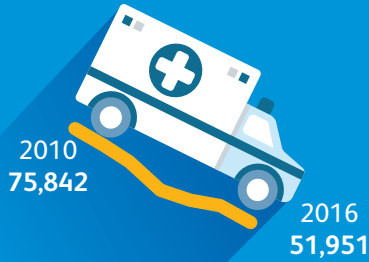


The Facts about Medicine Safety and Children

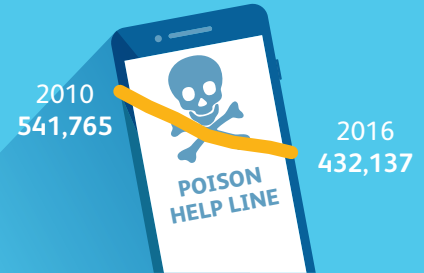
Sales of prescription and over-the-counter medicine in the U.S. increased by 22% between 2010 – 2016.



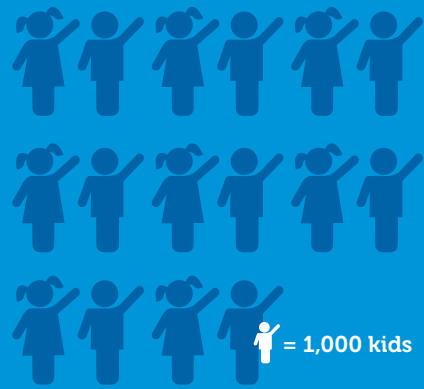
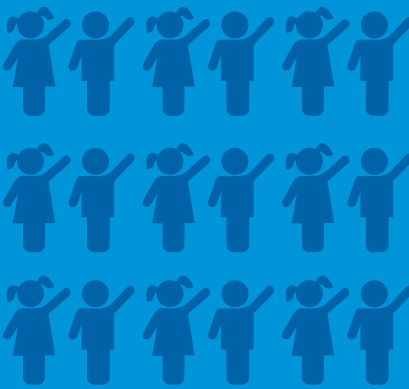
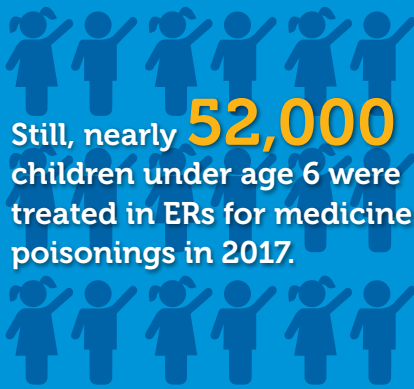
At the same time, ER visits for medicine poisoning for children under age 6 decreased by 32%.



And calls to poison control centers for medicine poisonings decreased by 20%.



Still, nearly **52,000** children under age 6 were treated in ERs for medicine poisonings in 2017.



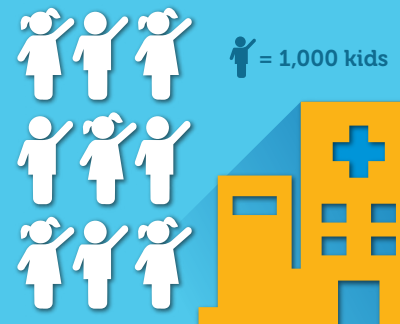
That's 1 child every 10 minutes.



84% of those kids were between 1 and 3 years old.



And nearly 9,000 were hospitalized.



How to Keep Kids Safe Around Medicine

- Keep medicine and vitamins out of children's reach and sight, even medicine you take every day.
- Kids can surprise you at any age, so make sure to keep medicine safety on your child-proofing checklist.
- Save the Poison Help number in your phone and post it visibly at home: 1-800-222-1222.
- Share medicine safety information with family and friends.

