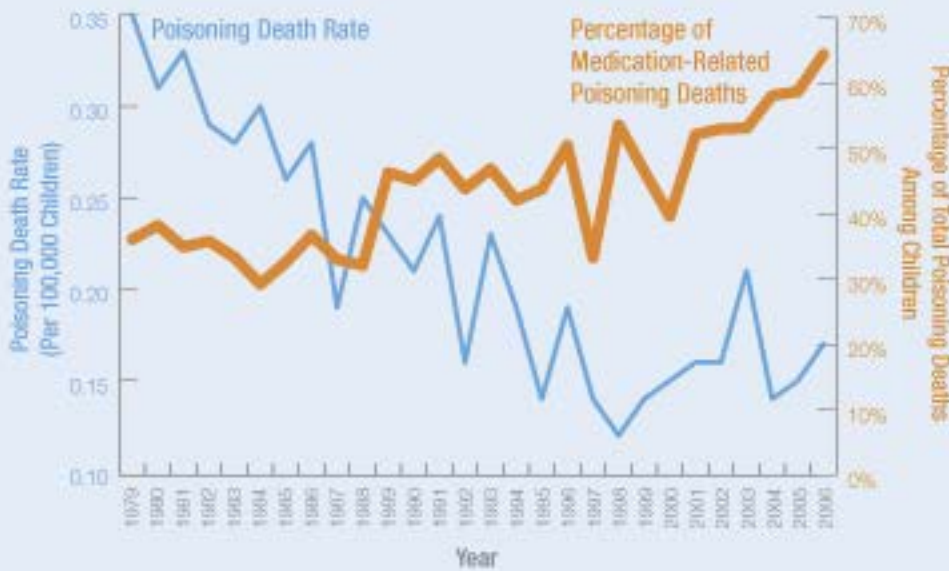


# KIDS AND UNINTENTIONAL MEDICATION OVERDOSES IN THE U.S.

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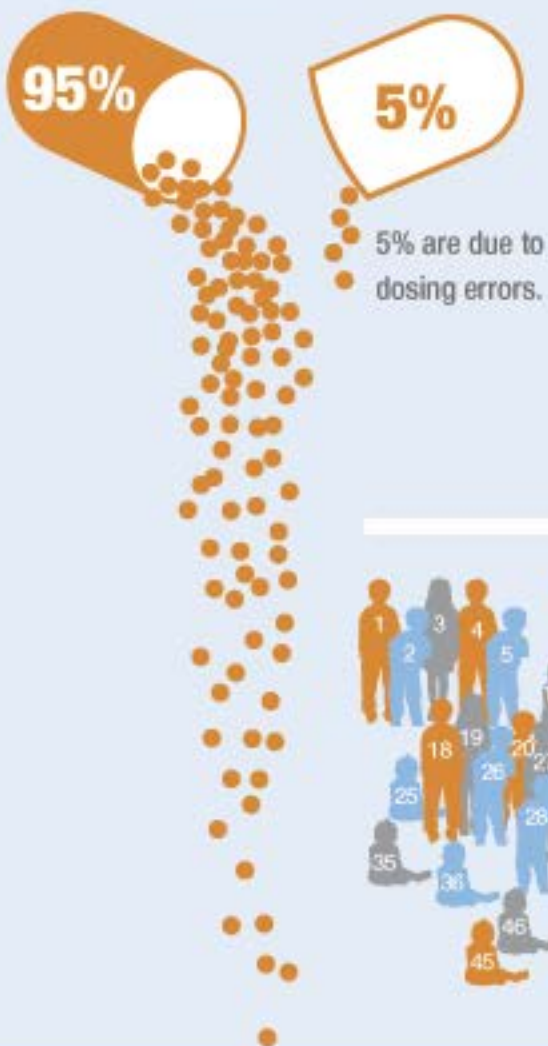
While the death rate among children from poisoning has been cut in half since the late 1970s, medication deaths as a percentage of all child poisoning deaths have nearly doubled.



**23% (541,765)** of cases managed by poison control centers involved medication-related poisonings among children ages 5 and under.

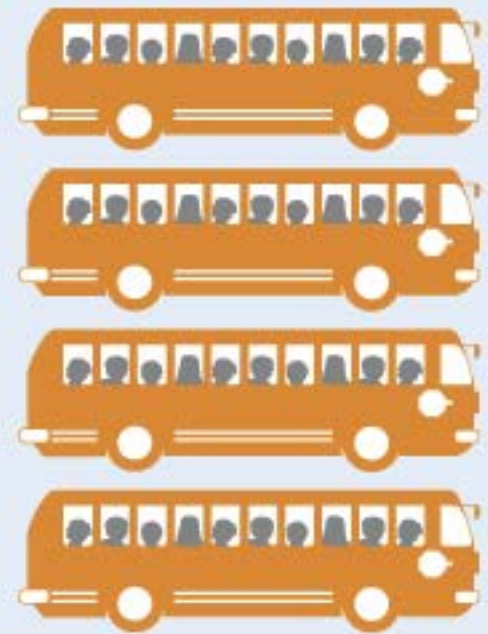
**POISON HOTLINE 1-800-222-1222**

95 percent of medication-related ER visits among children under age 5 are due to a child ingesting medication while unsupervised.



165 young children per day (roughly four busloads) are brought to the ER after taking medications on their own.

**60,000** young children are treated in the ER due to accidental unsupervised medication ingestions each year.



**56** children ages 14 and under die each year from unintentional medication overdoses.

**PREVENTABILITY: 100%**