

**Calls to the Victorian Poisons Information Centre (VPIC)
regarding Nicotine liquid exposures 2018-2019**

| | 2018 | 2019 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of cases | 26 | 37 |
| Age | | |
| - adult | 9 | 13 |
| - adolescent | 0 | 1 |
| - child (5-14 yrs) | 0 | 2 |
| - infant/toddler (<5 yrs) | 17 | 21 |
| Gender | | |
| - Female | 7 | 16 |
| - Male | 18 | 21 |
| - Unknown | 1 | 0 |
| Location | | |
| - home & surroundings | 25 | 36 |
| - other | 1 | 1 |
| Type of exposure | | |
| - ingestion | 22 | 33 |
| - dermal | 2 | 2 |
| - ocular | 1 | 2 |
| - vaginal | 1 | 0 |
| Disposition | | |
| - hospital | 14 | 15 |
| - GP | 0 | 1 |
| - no referral required | 12 | 21 |

Notes:

1. **Severity:** We are unable to provide data regarding severity of exposure as calls are generally taken before clinical toxicity develops, or before the full severity is known. We are aware of one fatality related to a call to VPIC in June 2018 (an 18 month old child), reported by the Coroner in June 2019:
https://www.coronerscourt.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-07/Baby%20J_277318.pdf
2. **Scope of data:** These data relate to calls received during usual VPIC operating hours. When VPIC is closed calls from Victoria are taken by other Australian PICs – these are not able to be included in this report.