Abstract

The quality and utility of Alaska’s unintentional poisoning data has not been determined. This study identifies various contributing characteristics of Alaska’s unintentional poisoning data such as source expertise and credibility, unintentional poisoning case definitions, standard operating procedures, and perceived quality of Alaska’s unintentional poisoning data. Additionally, this study describes Alaska’s unintentional poisoning injuries from 2005 to 2009. Research methodology includes structured interviews, an anonymous survey, and statistical analysis of Alaska’s unintentional poisoning injury data. The results indicate that Alaska’s public health professionals believe that Alaska’s unintentional poisoning data are complete, relevant, useful, and of high quality. This study also found that unintentional poisoning injuries continue to result in hundreds of injuries and multiple deaths each year.