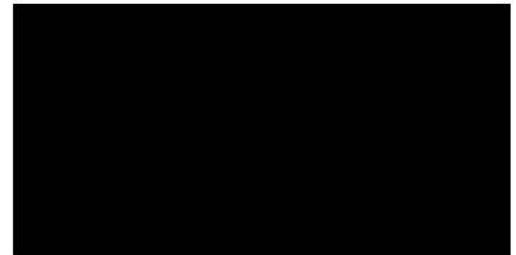


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Advisory Committee on Chemicals Scheduling
Therapeutic Goods Administration

2.1 Carbon Monoxide

The NSW PIC supports the proposed scheduling of carbon monoxide to schedule 6 and schedule 7 to mitigate public health risks of deliberate inhalation.

The NSW PIC provides a call centre service to NSW, Tasmania and the ACT on a near full-time basis and a shared after-hours service to the remainder of Australia. This results in approximately half of Australia's poisons-related calls being received by NSW PIC.

Since January 2014 NSW PIC has received 185 calls regarding deliberate self-poisoning exposures to carbon monoxide. The following table shows the number of calls each year.

YEAR	No. of exposures
2014	35
2015	24
2106	29
2017	31
2018	37
2109	29

Whilst these calls have involved exposures to carbon monoxide from car exhaust fumes, other motor or generator fumes and charcoal burners rather than inhalation from carbon monoxide canisters, NSW PIC believes the number of calls received indicates that carbon monoxide continues to be an option for deliberate self-poisoning and we strongly support the proposed scheduling.

Regards



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