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KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE WITH TIPS FROM POISON CONTROL CENTER AND LEGISLATOR D'AMARO

(HUNTINGTON STATION... September 15, 2010) – The days may be shortening and the air getting cooler, but opportunities still abound for outdoor family fun. That is why Suffolk Legislator Lou D'Amaro wants to remind residents that water and outdoor poison safety tips can ensure year-round protection and should always be kept in mind, no matter what the season.

Jellyfish are commonly found along the coastal waters of Long Island. As long as it is warm enough to swim, it is warm enough for jellyfish to thrive, so surf lovers should keep a look out for these sea creatures and know how to treat stings. According to the Long Island Regional Poison and Drug Information Center, you can make the pain from a sting go away by rinsing the affected area with salt water, applying vinegar for 30 minutes and removing any visible tentacles with a tweezer or the scrape of a credit card. All victims of jellyfish bites should watch for allergic reactions and seek medical help if necessary.

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“A jellyfish bite can quickly put an end to your fun in the sun, but a few simple treatment steps will have you back in the water in no time,” D’Amaro said.

Legislator D’Amaro also wants to inform residents that the Center offers treatment recommendations for bites and stings resulting from spiders, bees, hornets, wasps and ants – insects that can linger into the fall months and beyond. While the Center states that the application of a cold compress at the bite site is usually enough to stop discomfort, they add that the stinger must be removed by scraping or squeezing rather than by pulling, which can release additional venom. Once again, individuals should seek medical treatment if an allergic reaction occurs.

Legislator D’Amaro urges residents seeking information to call the Long Island Regional Poison and Drug Information Center at 1-800-222-1222.

“Long Islanders are lucky to have this wonderful and important poison information center right in our backyards,” said Legislator D’Amaro. “I encourage anyone who has questions or concerns, whether immediate or general, to call and get the answers they need to ensure safety year-round.”

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Suffolk County Legislator Lou D’Amaro (D-Huntington Station) represents the 17th Legislative District, which includes parts of Huntington Station, South Huntington, Huntington, West Hills, Melville, Dix Hills, Deer Park, North Babylon and West Babylon. He is Chairman of the Ways & Means committee, Vice Chairman of the Budget & Finance committee and Vice Chairman of the Environment, Planning & Agriculture committee of the Suffolk County Legislature.