



Maryland Poison Center

University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2007 Statistical Report Montgomery County, MD

NOTE: *This report reflects only the calls to the Maryland Poison Center from Montgomery County. For complete statistics regarding Montgomery County, statistics from the National Capital Poison Center should also be consulted.*

County accounted for 1.5% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	518	Animal Exposures	78
< 12 months	27	Information Calls	377
1 year	68		
2 years	64		
3 years	40		
4 years	21		
5 years	16		
6-12 years	39		
13-19 years	42		
Adult	200		
Unknown age	1		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	437
General	293
Environmental	4
Occupational	11
Therapeutic Error	56
Misuse	54
Bite or Sting	8
Food Poisoning	11
Intentional	71
Suspected Suicide	53
Misuse	6
Abuse	11
Unknown	1
Other	10
Contamination/Tampering	2
Malicious	1
Adverse Reaction/Drug	1
Adverse Reaction/Other	4
Unknown Reason	2

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	398
Healthcare Facility	99
Other	11
Refused Referral	10

Medical Outcome

No Effect	170
Minor Effect	309
Moderate Effect	12
Major Effect	2
Death	0
Other/Unknown	25

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Cosmetics and personal care products
2. Household cleaning products
3. Analgesics (pain relievers)
4. Foreign bodies
5. Topical medicines (for the skin)
6. *(tie)* Antimicrobials
Vitamins
8. Plants
9. *(tie)* Arts and crafts products
Cold and cough medicines
Electrolytes and minerals
Pesticides

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Antihistamines
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. *(tie)* Cosmetics and personal care products
Foreign bodies
5. Chemicals
6. *(tie)* Antimicrobials
Vitamins
8. *(tie)* Cold and cough medicines
Household cleaning products
Hydrocarbons
Industrial cleaners
Stimulants and street drugs

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Household cleaning products
3. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
4. Cold and cough medicines
5. *(tie)* Antidepressants
Cosmetics and personal care products
7. *(tie)* Anticonvulsants
Heart medicines
Pesticides
10. *(tie)* Alcohols
Chemicals