



Maryland Poison Center
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

2007 Statistical Report
State of Maryland

Types of Calls

Total human exposures	35,455	Animal Exposures	2,154
< 12 months	1,828	Information Calls	28,195
1 year	5,910		
2 years	5,617		
3 years	2,527		
4 years	1,183		
5 years	772		
6-12 years	2,387		
13-19 years	2,706		
Adult	12,445		
Unknown age	80		

Reason for exposure

Unintentional	28,156
General	19,835
Environmental	411
Occupational	502
Therapeutic Error	4,131
Misuse	2,485
Bite or Sting	432
Food Poisoning	338
Unknown	22
Intentional	5,959
Suspected Suicide	4,254
Misuse	789
Abuse	736
Unknown	180
Other	1,327
Contamination/Tampering	58
Malicious	117
Adverse Reaction/Drug	520
Adverse Reaction/Other	497
Unknown	135

Management Site

On site/non Healthcare Facility	25,676
Healthcare Facility	8,967
Other	392
Refused Referral	420

Medical Outcome

No Effect	11,591
Minor Effect	20,534
Moderate Effect	1,680
Major Effect	177
Death	31
Other/Unknown	1,405

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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. Cough and cold medicines
7. Vitamins
8. Pesticides
9. Plants
10. Antihistamines

Most common exposures, children 6-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. *(tie)* Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Foreign bodies
4. Cough and cold medicines
5. Antidepressants
6. Cosmetics and personal care products
7. Household cleaning products
8. Stimulants and street drugs
9. Antihistamines
10. Arts and crafts products

Most common exposures, adults 20 years and older:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sleep medicines and antipsychotics
3. Antidepressants
4. Alcohols
5. Heart medicines
6. Cosmetics and personal care products
7. Household cleaning products
8. Anticonvulsants
9. Antihistamines
10. Pesticides